

IN THE PEACEFUL  
EMPIRE OF LUDECHT,



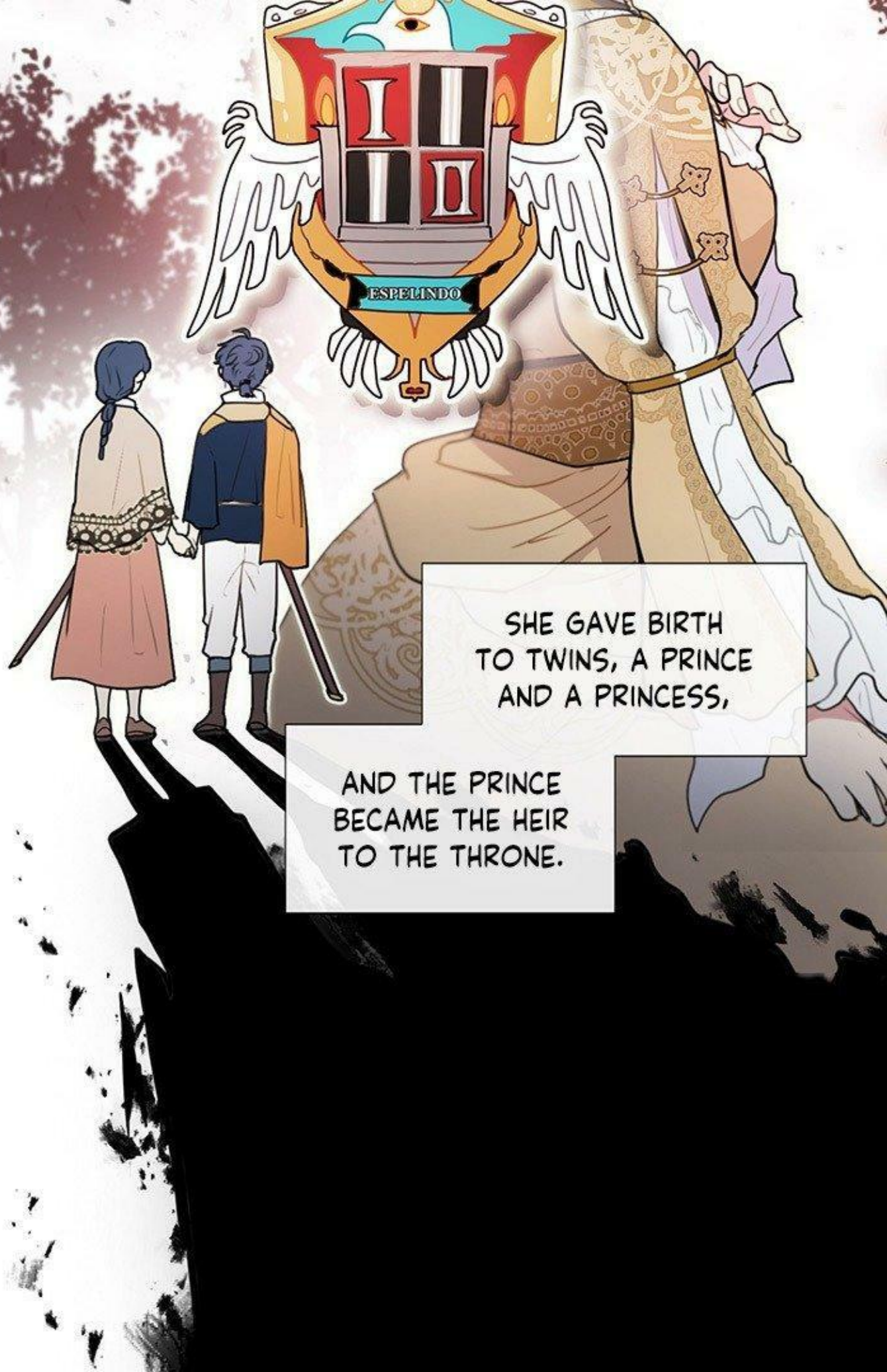


THE EMPEROR MARRIED  
AN EMPRESS FROM THE  
MOST POWERFUL FAMILY.

SHE'S THE ELDEST DAUGHTER  
OF THE ESPELINDO FAMILY,  
KNOWN FOR THEIR INCREDIBLE  
WEALTH AND REPUTATION.







SHE GAVE BIRTH  
TO TWINS, A PRINCE  
AND A PRINCESS,

AND THE PRINCE  
BECAME THE HEIR  
TO THE THRONE.




BEFORE LONG,  
THE EMPEROR WED  
A SECOND EMPRESS.

SHE WAS THE YOUNGEST  
OF THE SCHWANDELL FAMILY,  
WHOSE IMPERIAL KNIGHTS RAISED  
THE EMPIRE'S STATUS THROUGH  
THEIR MILITARY STRENGTH.







AND TO HER,  
THE SECOND PRINCE  
WAS BORN.

BUT ONE DAY,





THE SECOND EMPRESS  
WAS ASSASSINATED.

THE CULPRIT OF THIS  
MYSTERIOUS INCIDENT WAS NEVER  
CAUGHT, BUT A GRUESOME RUMOR  
SPREAD ALL OVER THE EMPIRE.

AS A RESULT, THE EMPEROR  
DECROWNED THE FIRST PRINCE  
AND PROCLAIMED THE SECOND  
PRINCE AS HIS HEIR.





THE REASON FOR  
HIS DETHRONEMENT...



HE WAS TOO CRUEL.



WHOA



THE KNIGHTS  
HAVE RETURNED!

I HEARD IT WAS A DECISIVE  
VICTORY THIS TIME AS WELL?  
OUR EMPIRE SURE IS STRONG.



BUZZ..

?  
WHAT THE.







ISN'T THAT THE  
FIRST PRINCE, DUKE  
RAYBURN ESPELINDO?







MY WORD.  
HE WENT INTO BATTLE  
AGAIN HIMSELF?







HE DOESN'T EVEN  
HAVE A SCRATCH ON HIM.

SO THAT RUMOR THAT  
HE LOVES WAR MUST BE TRUE,  
SEEING AS HE'S ALWAYS  
GOING INTO COMBAT.

MURMUR



I HEARD THAT THE FIRST  
PRINCE WAS THE ONE WHO  
STARTED THIS WAR AS WELL.

WHISPER

IS IT TRUE THEN  
THAT THOSE TWINS  
INCITE VIOLENCE?

AND THERE ARE  
THOSE RUMORS TOO.

WHISPER





THAT THOSE TWO WERE  
THE ONES THAT ASSASSINATED  
THE SECOND EMPRESS.



THE PEOPLE ARE THE  
SAME AS EVER... EVEN THOUGH  
THEY CAN'T MAKE A PEEP IN  
FRONT OF MISS HOYA.

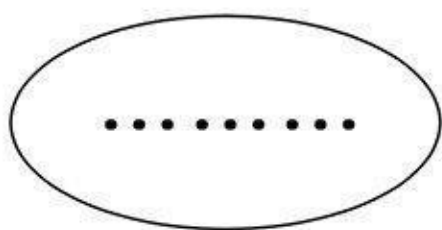






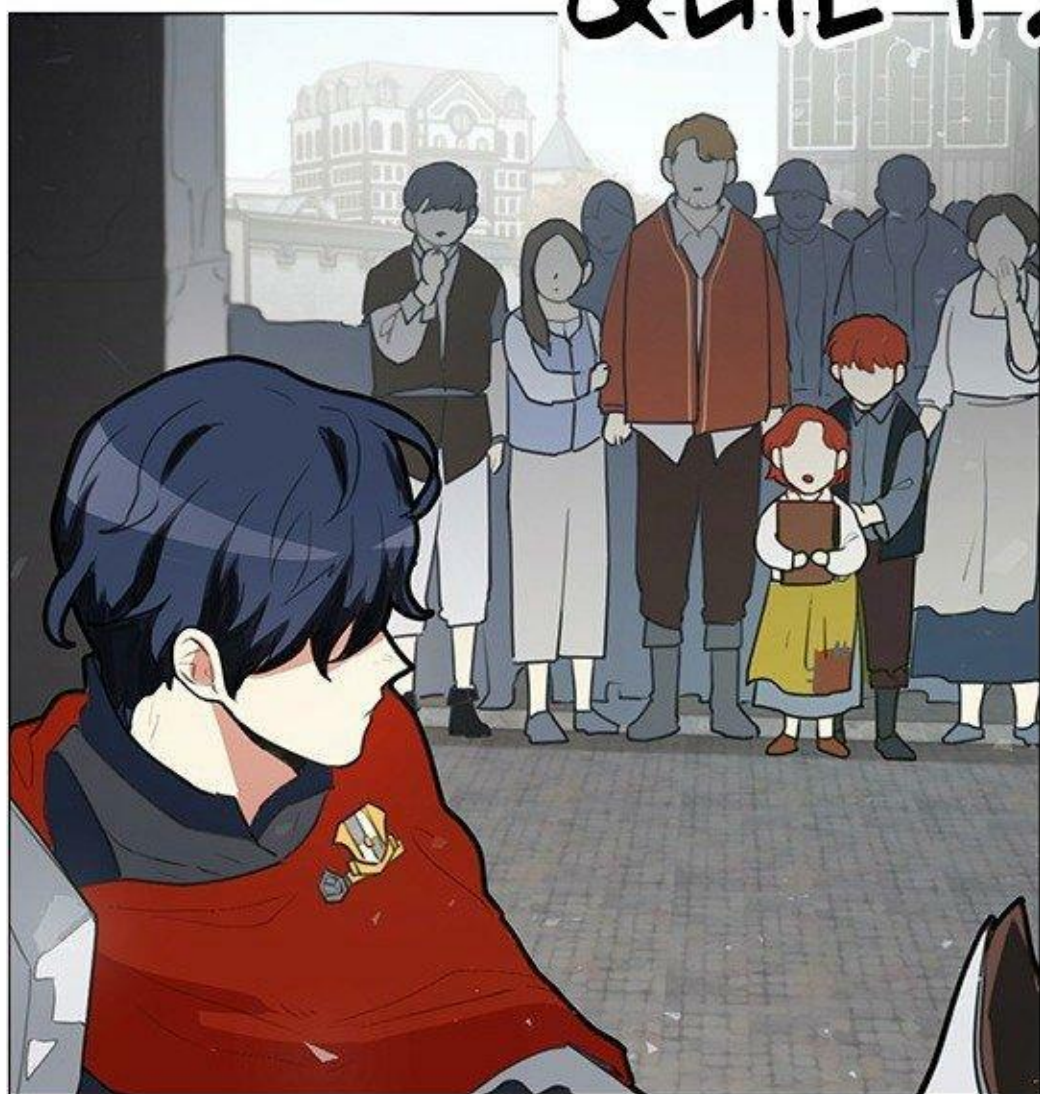
STARE...







QUIET...



MY DUKE,  
THERE'S NOTHING TO  
WORRY ABOUT.



LET'S KEEP MOVING.

CLIP







OPPA!





MURMUR

WHAT'RE YOU  
DOING! WE HAVE  
TO GO BACK!

MURMUR



MY APOLOGIES.  
MY SISTER IS SO YOUNG...  
SHE DOESN'T KNOW HER  
MANNERS YET. PLEASE  
FORGIVE HER.



CARYN, HURRY UP AND  
APOLOGIZE!

**WHISPER**



**PRINCE OPPA!  
I'M YOUR FAN!**







**SQUEEZE**



I CAN'T JUST  
STAY LIKE THIS.

**KYAAA!  
OPPA!!**

**BROAD SHOULDER  
PRINCE!**

**KILLER SMILE  
PRINCE!**

**SCREAM**

♡PRINCE OPPO♡



OPPAR♡

**!!**



**HEY!  
YOU WANNA DIE?!  
BE QUIET!**



**HEUK.**

**OPPA! THIS IS  
THE BEAR I MADE!**



LET ME GO! I CAN'T  
HOLD IT IN ANYMORE! IF I DIE,  
I'LL DIE BY OPPA'S HANDS!

KYAA

OPPA!

KYAA



WHAT'S...  
GOING ON??

THAT'S WHAT  
I'M SAYING. HAHA.





YOU'LL SIGN THIS  
FOR ME, RIGHT?



# THE PRINCE IN THE ROSE

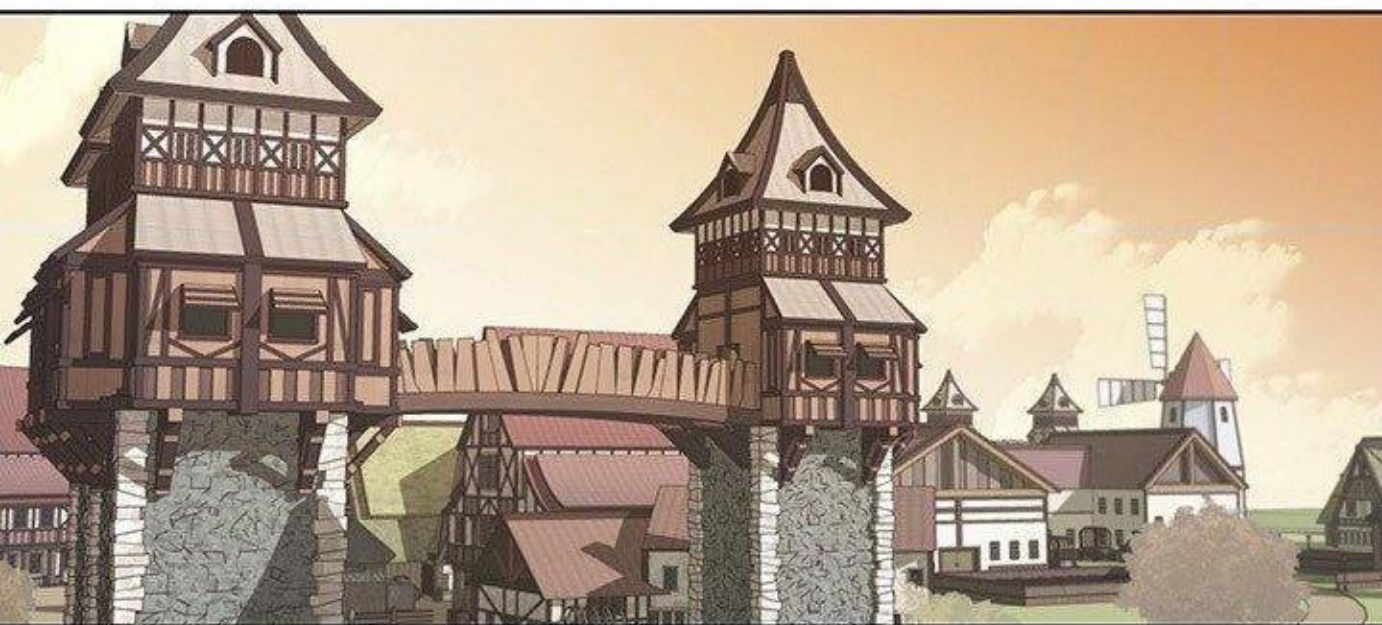
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THANK YOU AS  
ALWAYS, ANGELA.



HOW ARE YOU SO  
GOOD AT WRITING?

Dearest Youngjoo,  
and that I've owned  
originally cultivated  
by my ancestor



NO, I'M JUST GLAD  
I CAN BE OF HELP.

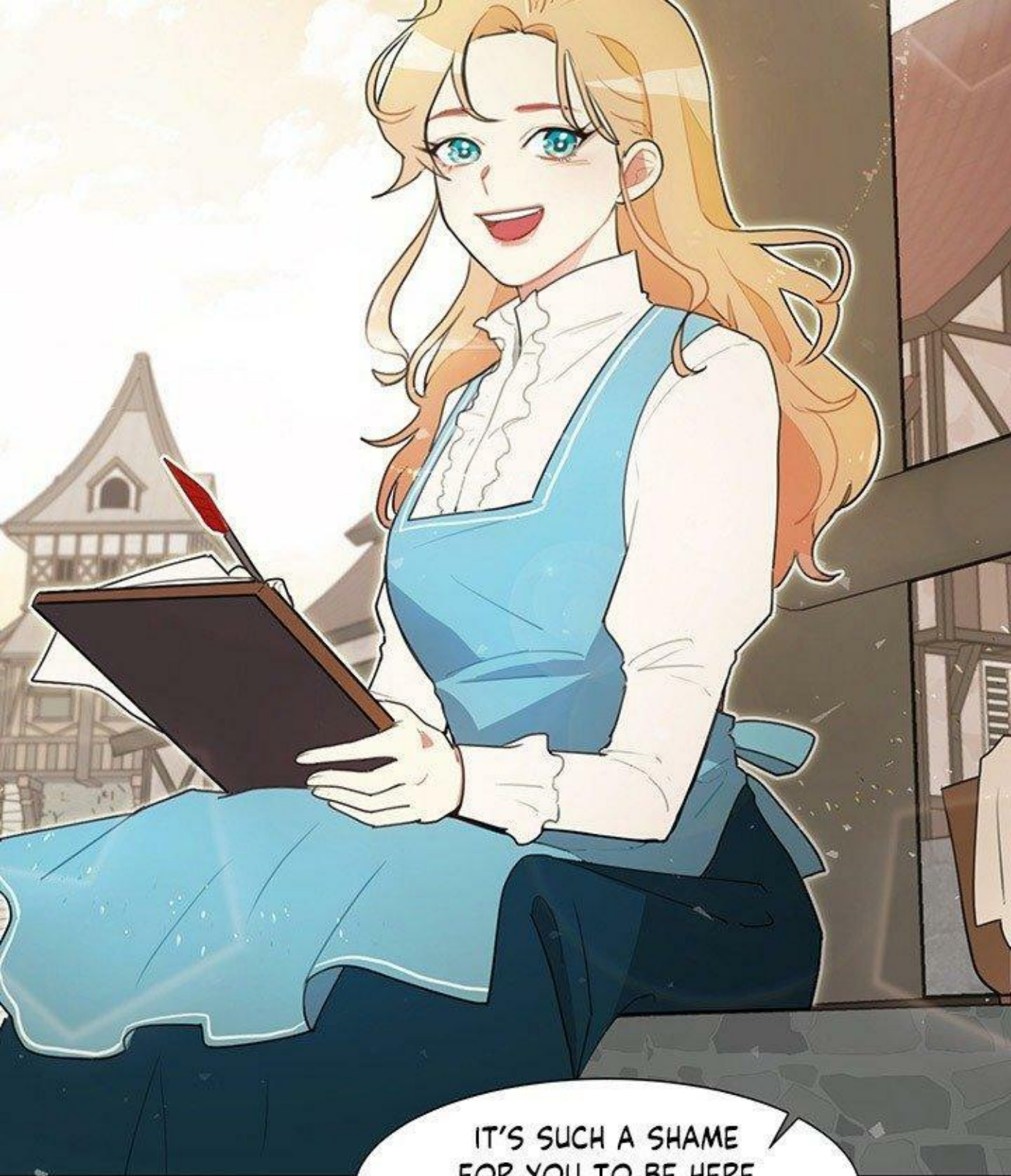
YOU SPEAK SO  
ELOQUENTLY TOO.



ANGELA, A GIRL LIKE YOU,  
WHO'S SO KIND AND GOOD AT  
WRITING, SHOULD GO OUT TO THE  
CITY AND MAKE IT BIG.

HEHE, THE CITY?





IT'S SUCH A SHAME  
FOR YOU TO BE HERE  
IN THE COUNTRYSIDE WITH  
SUCH A PRETTY FACE.

.X. GRANNY IS CONSERVATIVE

HERE YOU GO. I FINISHED  
WRITING EVERYTHING. IS THERE  
ANYTHING ELSE YOU NEED?



I'M ALL SET.  
THANK YOU.

WANT ME TO  
INTRODUCE YOU  
TO A GUY?

NO THANK  
YOU...

(ALREADY BOTCHED  
SEVERAL MEETINGS)



THANK YOU  
FOR TODAY~  
SEE YOU AGAIN  
NEXT TIME.

.....



THE CITY...

IS SCARY, BUT I  
REALLY WANT TO GO.



**BITE..**

BECAUSE...



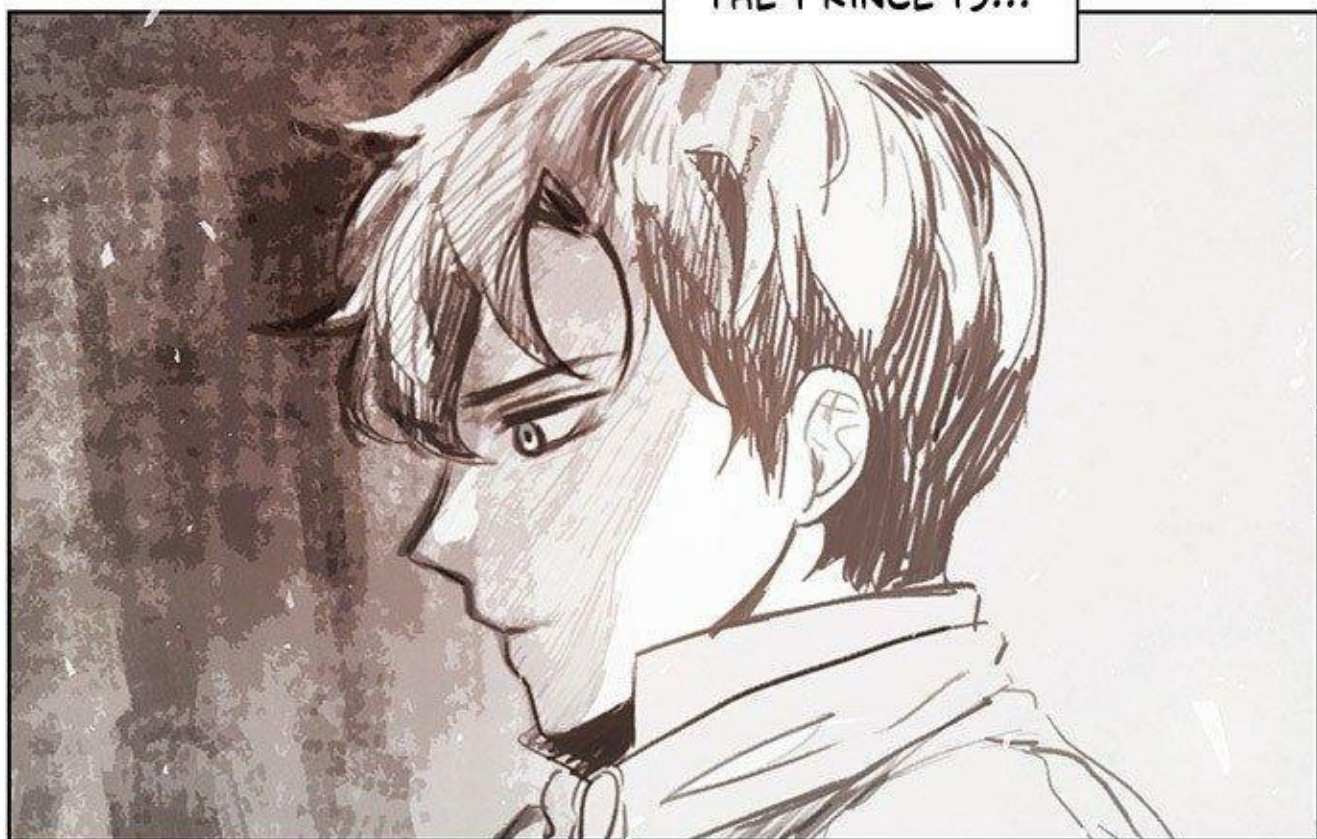
THE PRINCE IS THERE!





OF COURSE, THERE ARE  
A LOT OF UNSAVORY  
RUMORS OUT THERE, BUT

NEVERTHELESS,  
THE PRINCE IS...



DID YOU HEAR THE FIRST  
PRINCE RETURNED TODAY? I  
WONDER WHAT HE LOOKS  
LIKE IN PERSON!!






AH MAN, I WISH I  
COULD'VE JUST RUN AWAY  
TO GO SEE HIM.

THE PRINCE  
IS BACK?





HELLO. YOU'RE...  
ANGELA, RIGHT?

ARE YOU  
ALSO A FAN OF  
THE PRINCE?



HOW CAN I NOT  
FANGIRL OVER HIM!  
HE'S SO HANDSOME.

RIGHT? I KNOW THE  
RUMORS AND ALL, BUT I  
FEEL LIKE IF YOU MET HIM IN  
PERSON, HE'D HAVE A GREAT  
PERSONALITY.

AND HIS  
SWORDSMANSHIP  
IS FANTASTIC!

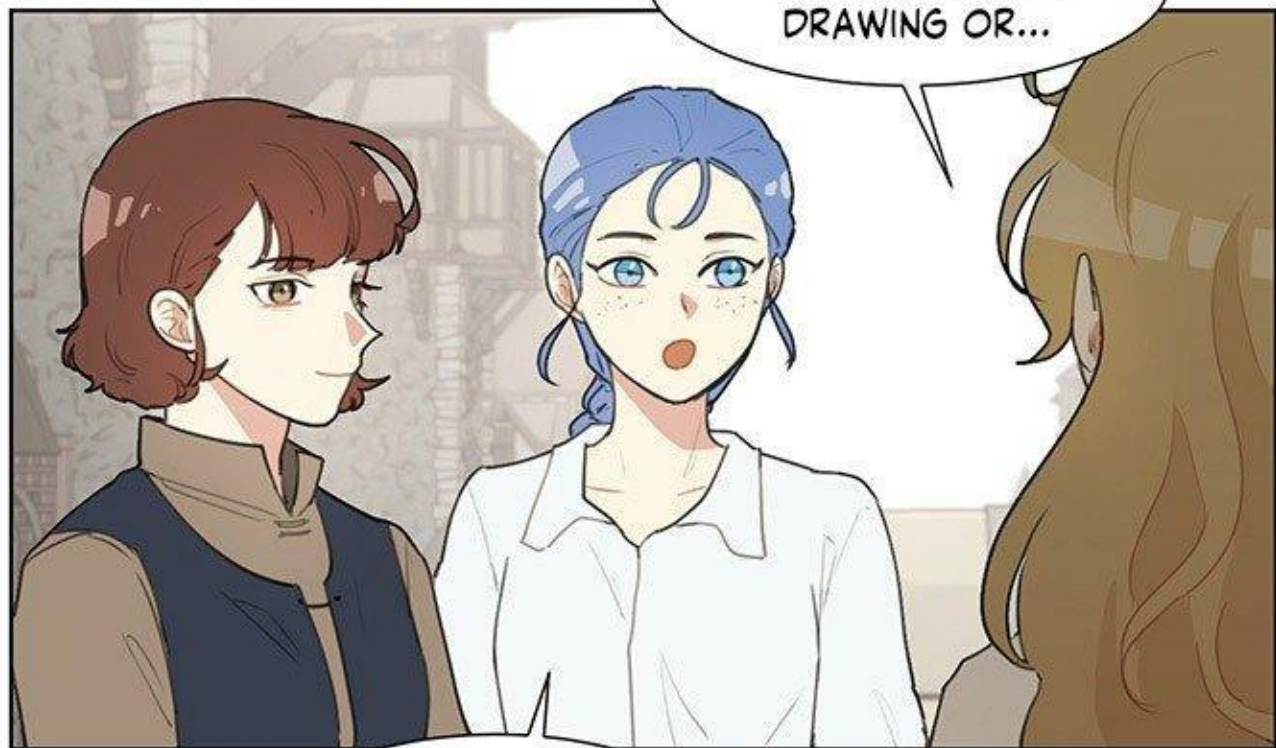
**RATTLE**

**AWAY**



AH... NOW THAT  
I THINK ABOUT IT, HOW  
DID YOU GUYS BECOME FANS  
OF THE PRINCE?

DID YOU  
SEE A PAPARAZZI  
DRAWING OR...



HUH? YOU DIDN'T  
BECOME HIS FAN AFTER  
READING THAT BOOK?



THE FANFIC,  
*"THE PRINCE IN THE ROSE"*!



ROSE... WHAT?



IT'S A BESTSELLER IN THE CITY  
NOWADAYS, AND 90% OF THE PEOPLE  
WHO READ IT END UP FALLING FOR THE  
PRINCE! IT'S ALL THE RAGE RECENTLY,  
YOU HAVEN'T HEARD OF IT?

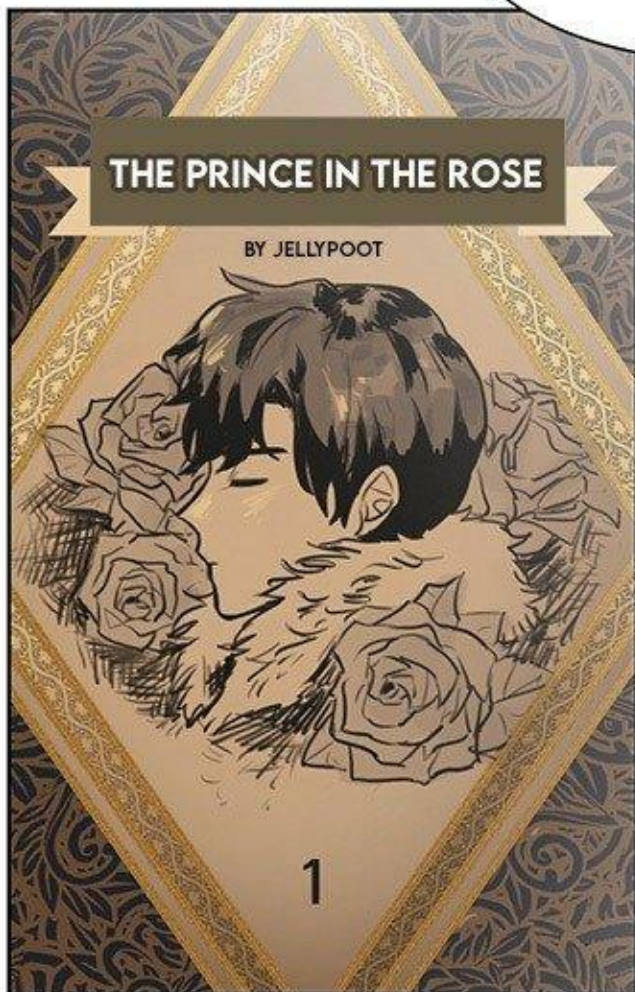




I HAD A HARD  
TIME GETTING IT SINCE  
IT'S ALL SOLD OUT!

## THE PRINCE IN THE ROSE

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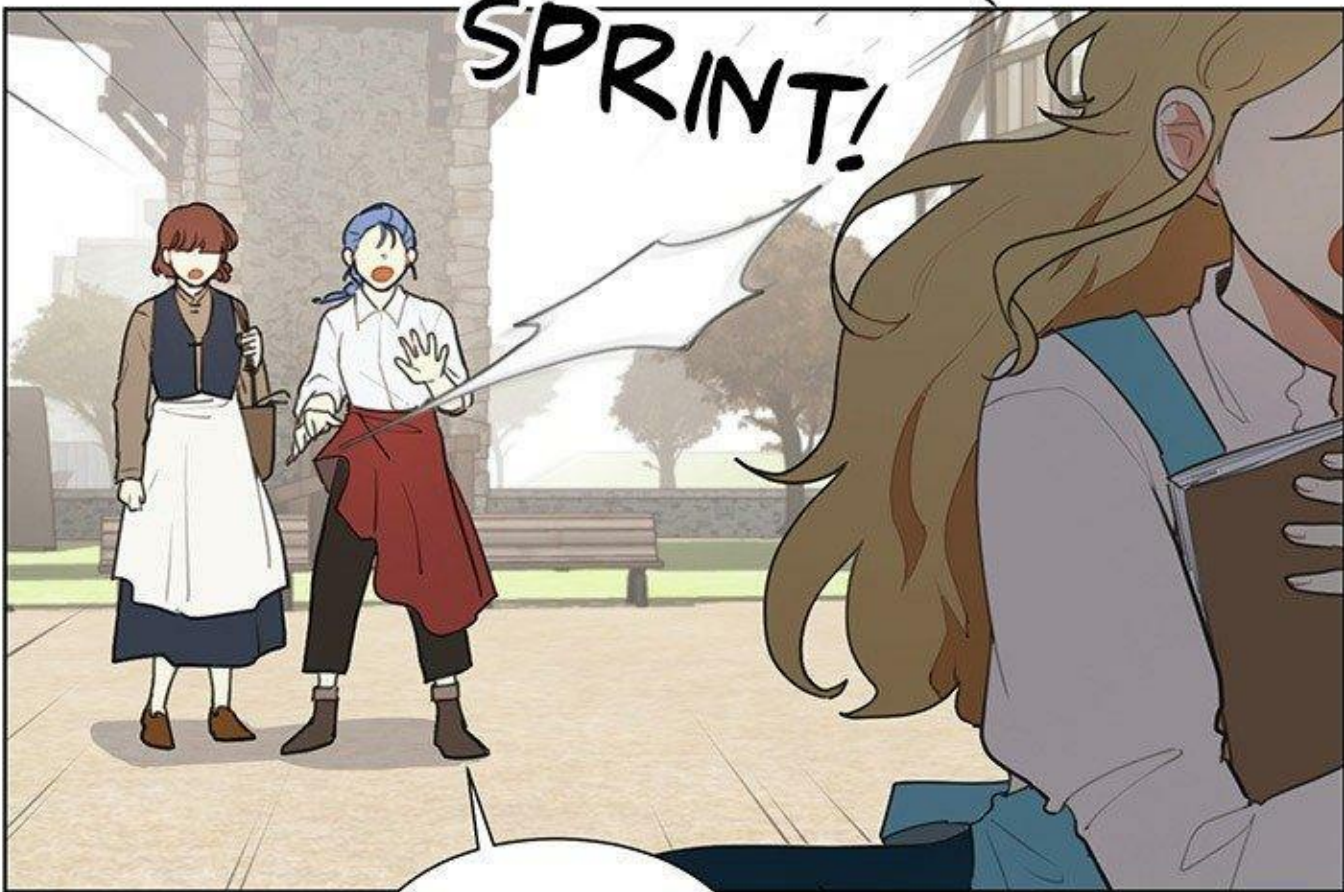
WOW, IT LOOKS  
SO INTERESTING.



LET ME BORROW  
THIS! I'LL READ IT IN  
A FLASH AND GIVE  
IT BACK!

**SPRINT!**

AH!  
ANGELA!!



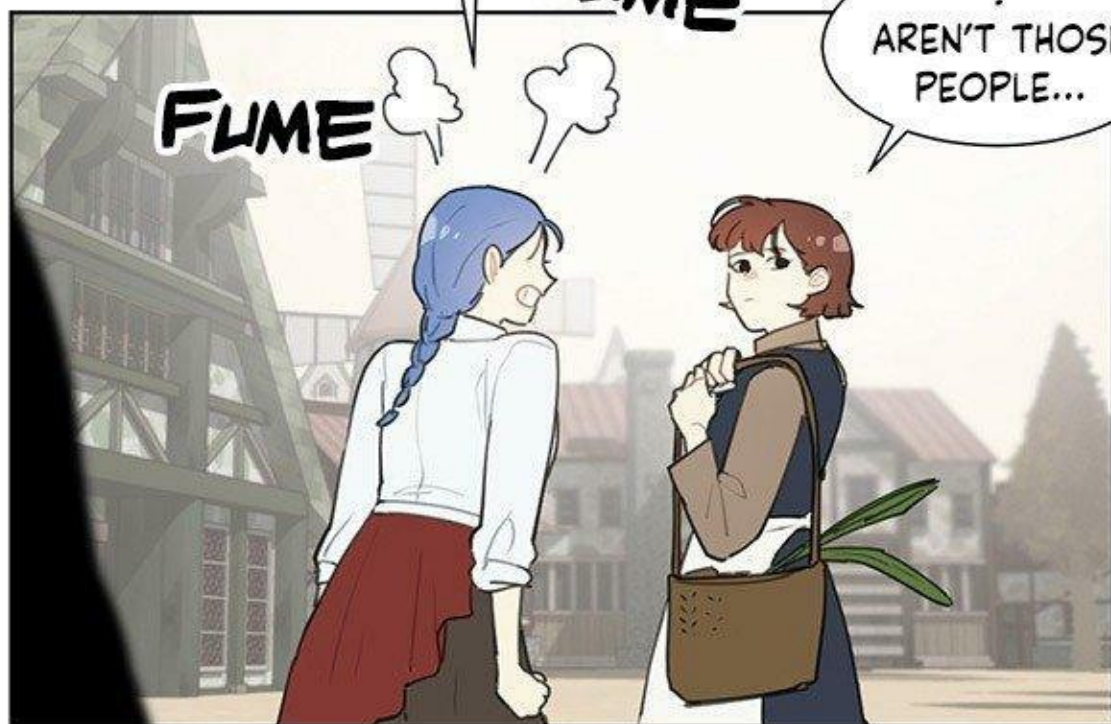


DID THAT BITCH JUST?!  
THAT BOOK'S WORTH WAY MORE  
THAN SHE CAN EVEN AFFORD  
TO BORROW!

**FLUME**

**FLUME**

?  
AREN'T THOSE  
PEOPLE...



IMPERIAL KNIGHTS?

WHAT'RE THEY  
DOING ALL THE WAY  
OUT HERE...



HEY, YOU.  
LET ME ASK YOU  
SOMETHING.







S- SURE...?

(SCARED)

IS THERE SOMEONE  
NAMED ANGELA IN THIS  
VILLAGE?



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ANGELA?

WH-





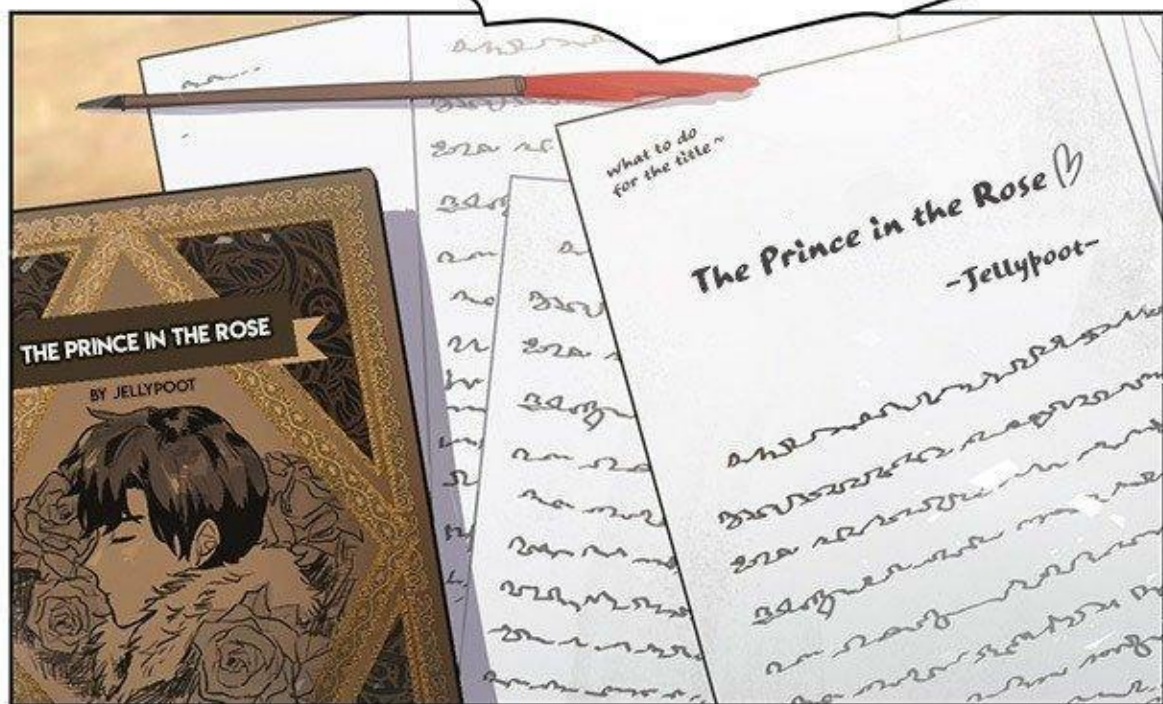
**WHAT!!**







MY ... MY FANFIC  
CAME OUT AS A  
BOOK? HOW??





OH MY GOD! IT EVEN  
HAS THE SAME MESSY  
WRITING STYLE!

The Prince in the rose's lips were like roses

With a wide smile, he looked at me and said,

"Are you okay? lol I'm glad you're not hurt T-T"

Oppa. I'm going to call him oppa from an...

WHO IN THE WORLD  
PUBLISHED THIS?

I WROTE THIS BY MYSELF  
SO LONG AGO THAT NO ONE  
SHOULD'VE SEEN IT...

MUMBLE

WELL, ASIDE FROM THAT  
MERCHANT GUY I LENT IT TO  
SO THAT I COULD BUY THAT  
PAPARAZZI DRAWING...



OH! IT'S THE  
MERCHANT GUY.







!!

NO WONDER, HE WAS  
SUPPOSED COME TODAY, BUT  
HE DIDN'T SHOW UP, RIGHT? SO HE  
SECRETLY PUBLISHED IT, SOLD  
IT OFF, AND RAN??

MY HEAD  
HURTS...





SO YOU'RE SAYING  
PEOPLE ACTUALLY PAID  
MONEY TO BUY AND READ THIS  
POINTLESS FANFIC...?

...







DID THE PRINCE  
SEE IT TOO?



**AUGH, WHAT  
DO YOU MEAN  
DOKI!!**

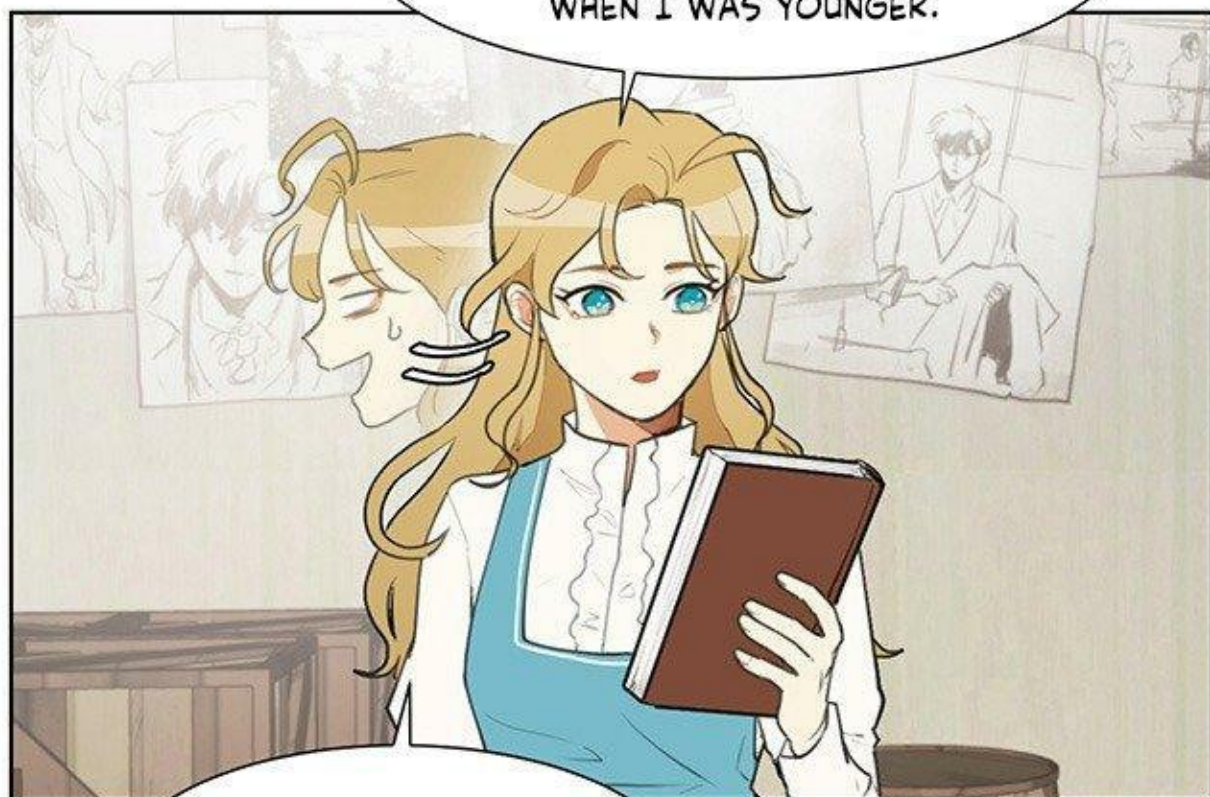


**THIS IS SO  
EMBARRASSING!!**



... I'LL HAVE TO  
FIND THE MERCHANT  
GUY AND ASK HIM TO  
RECALL THE BOOKS.

THEY COULD END UP  
BECOMING A PROBLEM SINCE I  
JUST WROTE WHATEVER I WANTED  
WHEN I WAS YOUNGER.



WELL, ASSUMING  
PEOPLE ACTUALLY READ  
THIS NONSENSE.

**EMBARRASSED**

ANGELA.

KNOCK

OH, I HAVE TO  
GIVE THE BOOK BACK.

SORRY FOR LEAVING SO  
SUDDENLY. HERE YOU GO, BUT  
THE STORY'S INSANE SO YOU  
SHOULD JUST BURN IT...





I... I'M  
SORRY.



THESE PEOPLE  
WERE LOOKING FOR  
YOU SO...



**ANGELA, THE AUTHOR  
OF THE NOVEL, "THE PRINCE  
IN THE ROSE."**





UH.



?!



**ON THE CHARGES OF  
DISRUPTING THE IMPERIAL  
FAMILY'S WORKINGS,**

**AND FOR YOUR ACTIVITY  
AS A SPY, YOU'RE BEING  
ARRESTED.**

**A...**

**??**







A SPY??

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BROUGHT TO YOU BY

*astral valley*

BIG THANKS TO HYDRA FOR HELPING ME PROOFREAD!  
THE REST OF THIS CHAPTER WAS DONE SOLO, SO IF YOU SPOT ANY  
MISTAKES, PLEASE CONTACT ME THROUGH THE DISCORD LINK BELOW!

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T/N: ATTENTION! THE EMPIRE OF "LUDECHT," AS SEEN IN CHAPTER 1, HAS BEEN RENAMED "LUDEXT". THANKS!



THAT SAME DAY,  
IN THE MORNING

ROYAL  
COUNCIL



BEFORE THE CROWN  
PRINCE ARRIVES, I'D LIKE TO  
HEAR FROM THE MEMBERS  
OF THE COUNCIL.



WHAT DO YOU  
ALL THINK?

WOULDN'T YOU SAY  
HIS EXCELLENCY, RAYBURN  
ESPELINDO, ACCOMPLISHED  
QUITE THE FEAT AGAIN?

SQUIRM



TCH, I WON'T DENY  
IT'S A FEAT, BUT FOR HIM  
TO BE SO MERCILESS  
ABOUT IT? HMPH.

THERE ARE ALREADY  
SUCH GRUESOME RUMORS  
SPREADING AROUND,  
GENERAL.

OH? AND  
WHAT MIGHT THESE  
RUMORS BE?



WHAT OF THE  
ONE ABOUT HIM COMPLETELY  
BURNING A VILLAGE THAT HAD  
ALREADY SURRENDERED?

EVEN THE CIVILIANS,  
NO LESS.

WHISPER

THERE'S ALSO  
THE ONE OF HIM BURYING  
HIS PRISONERS ALIVE.

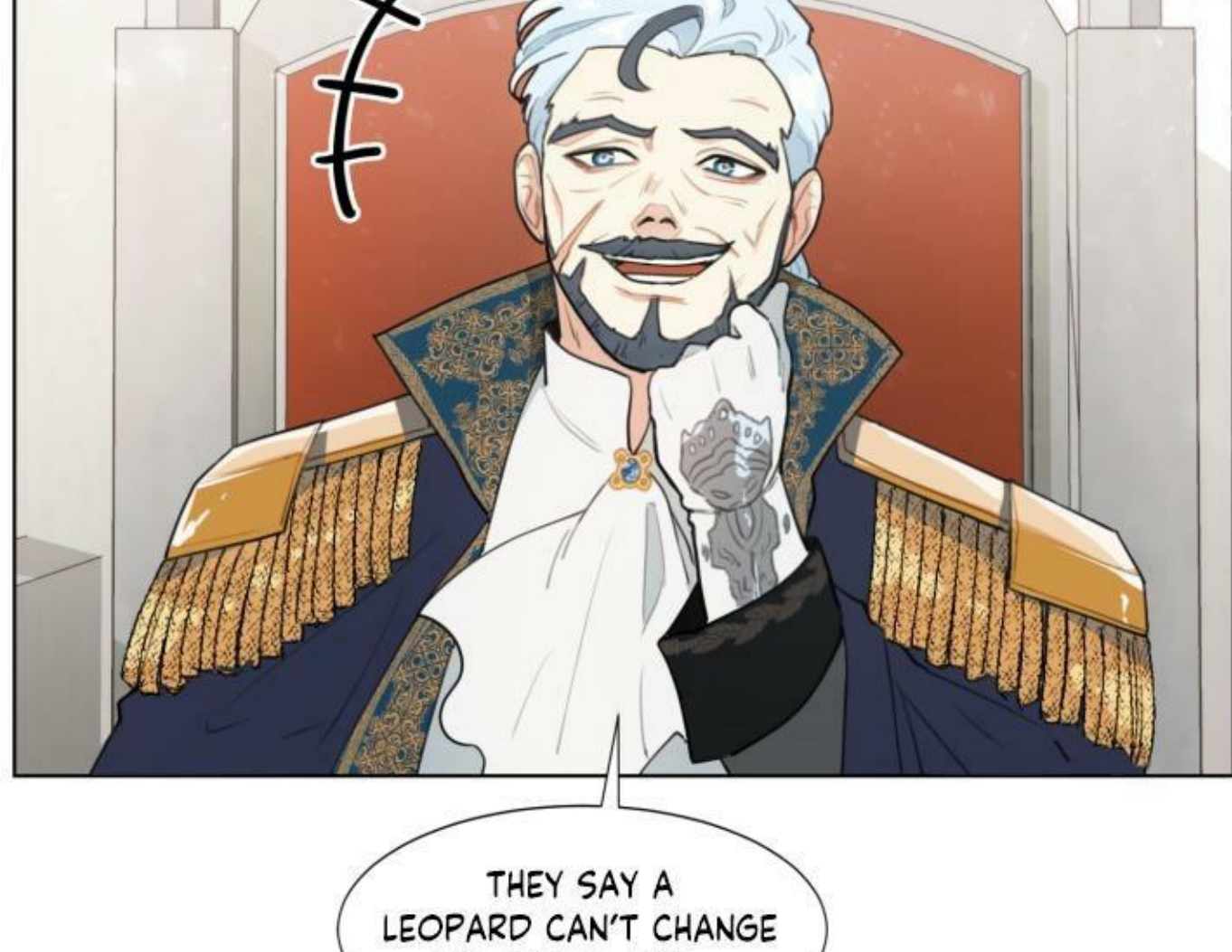
WHISPER



HOW HORRIFIC.  
EVEN IF THEY ARE  
THE ENEMY...



HAHA, THAT FIRST PRINCE OF OURS. EVEN WHEN HE RISKS HIS LIFE FOR SUCH FEATS, THEY ONLY FUEL HIS NOTORIETY.



THEY SAY A LEOPARD CAN'T CHANGE HIS SPOTS, BUT...

**BANG!**



AND WHERE ARE YOU OFF TO IN SUCH A RUSH?



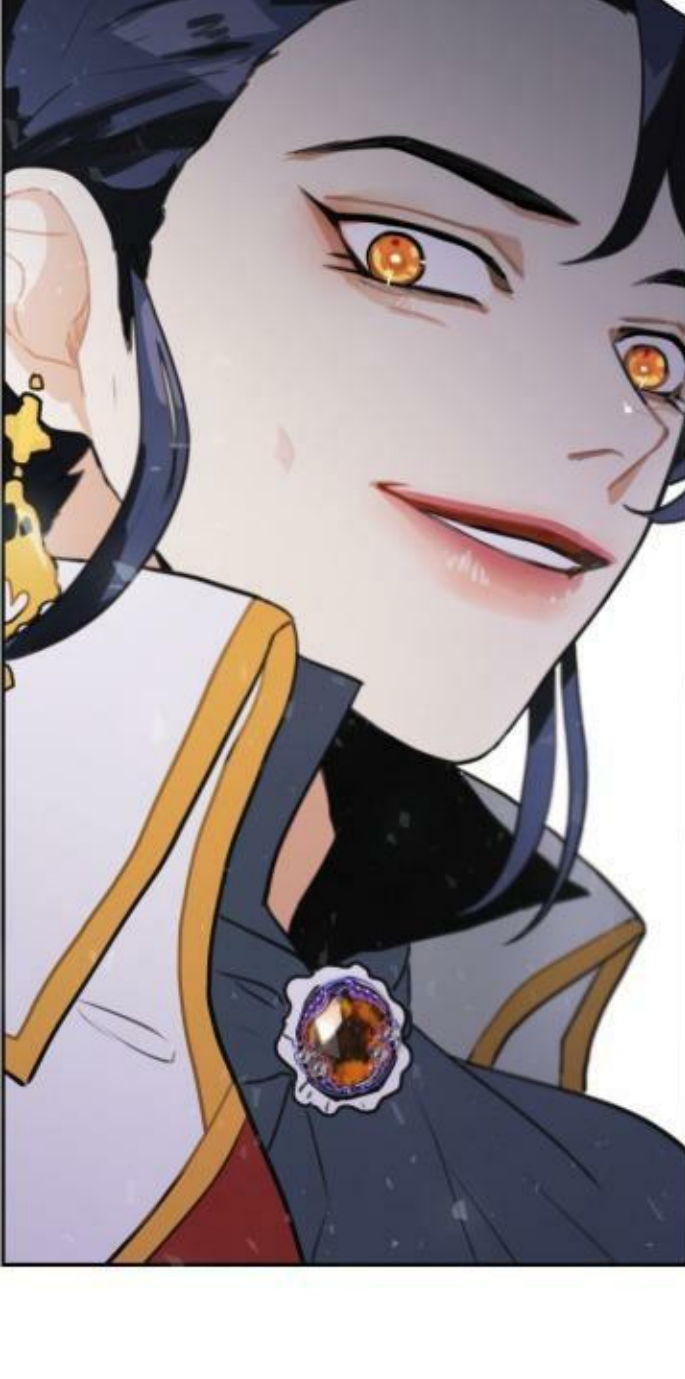
THE MEETING IS ABOUT TO BEGIN, SO I COURTEOUSLY ASK YOU TO TAKE A SEAT,

PRINCESS HOYA ESPELINDO.

HA?



...THE SMELL OF SHIT IS SO UNBEARABLE, I JUST CAN'T STAY SEATED.



I'LL BE RIGHT BACK, GENERAL CHANCELLOR.



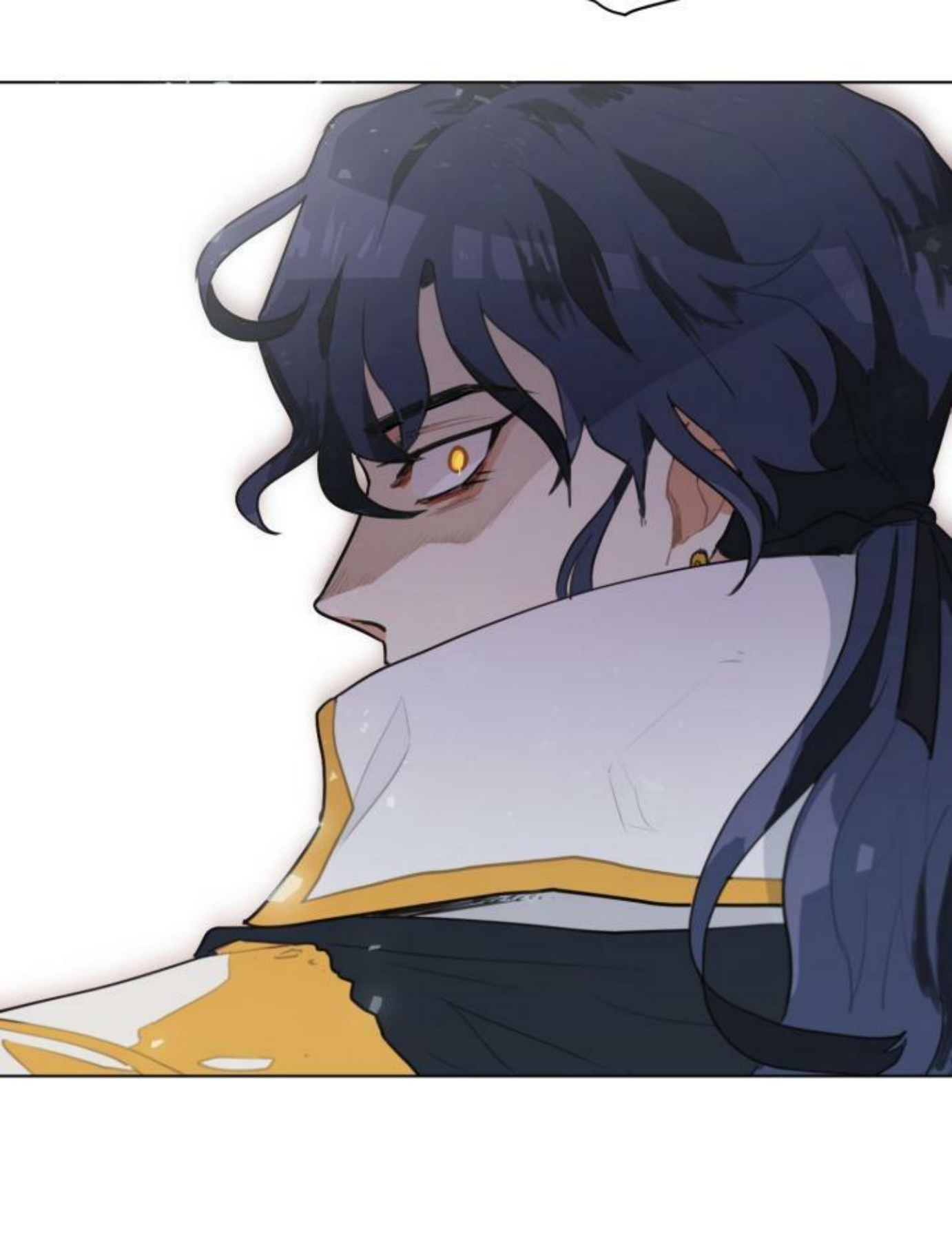
WHAT! "SH-SHIT"?!



SUCH VULGAR LANGUAGE!!

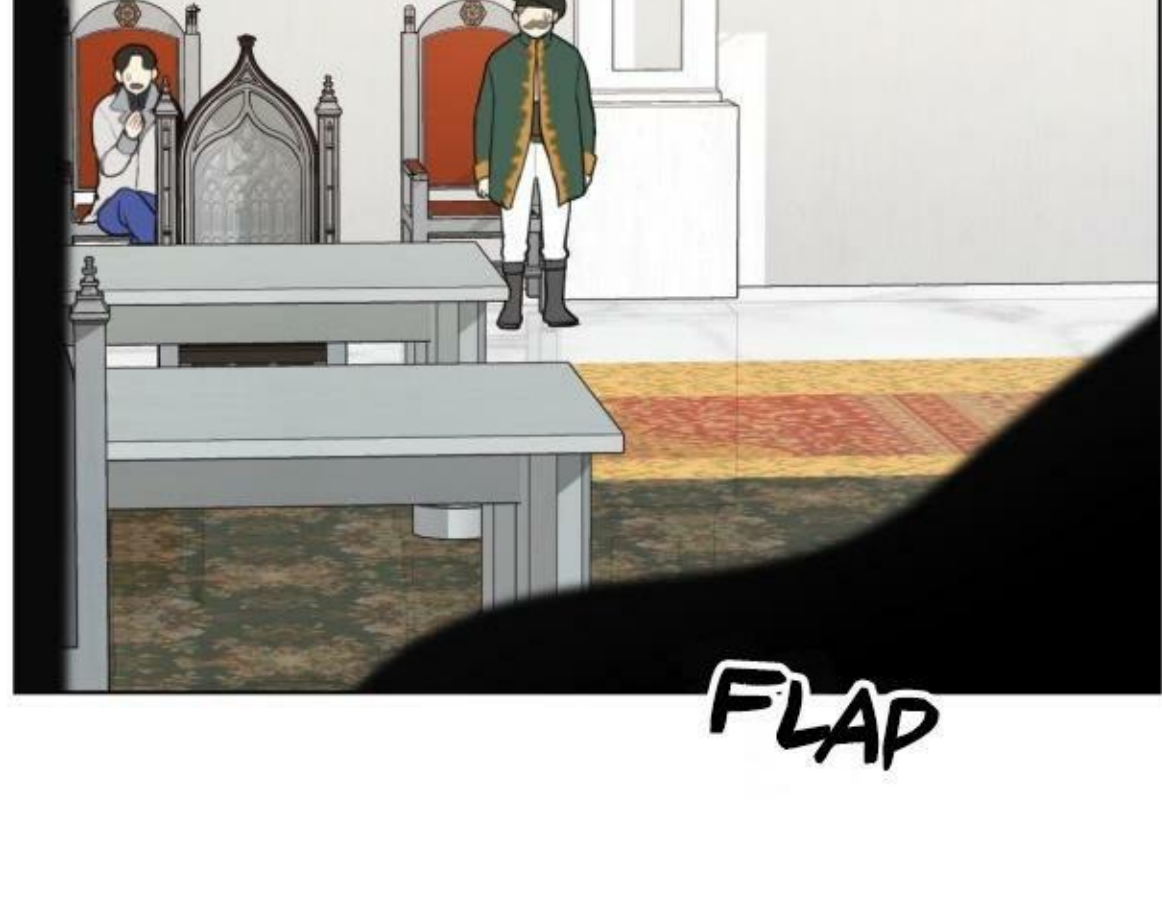
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QUIET...

.....EEK...



FLAP



...WHAT A PAIN IN THE ASS.



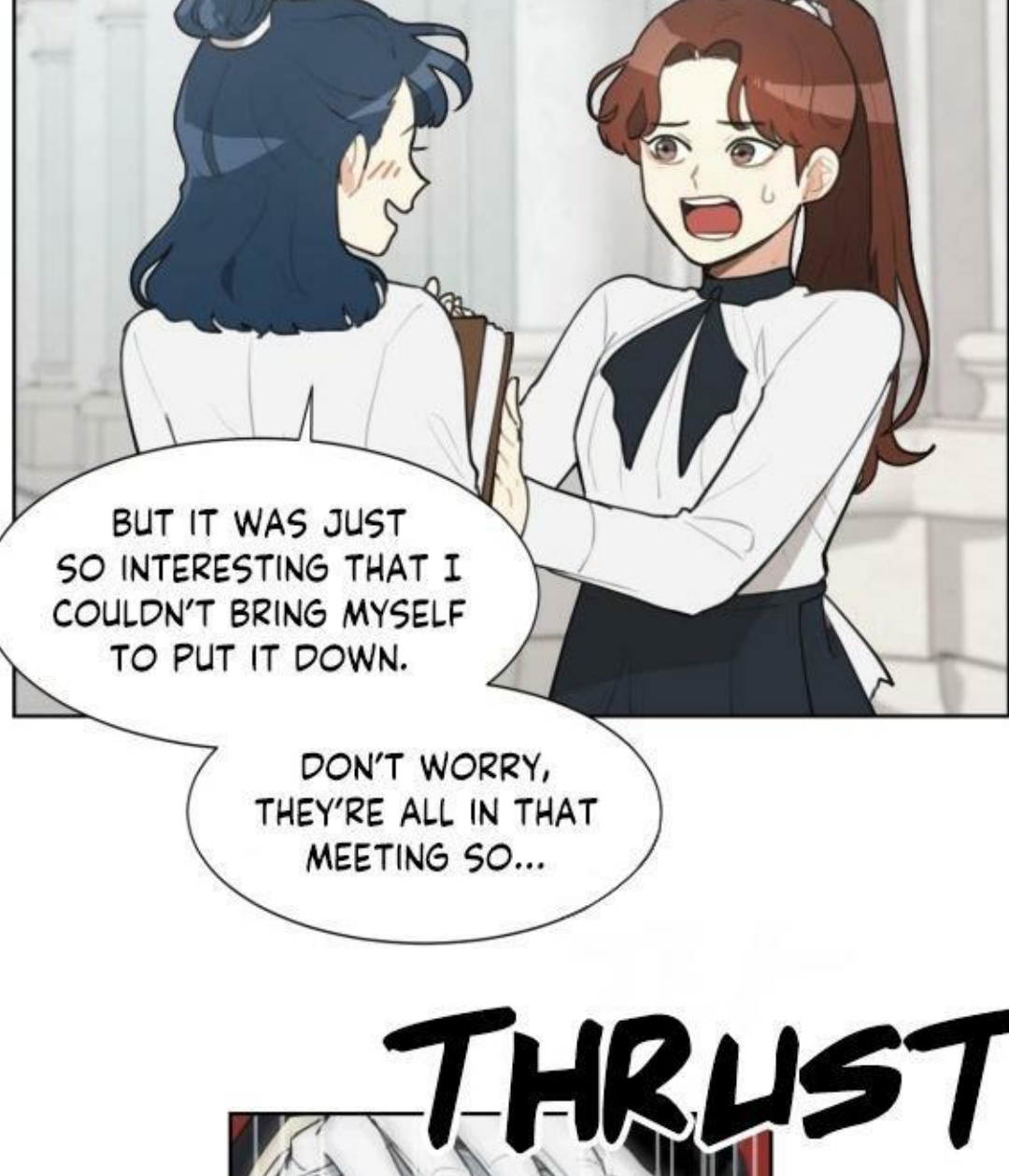
I THOUGHT HIS IMAGE WOULD CHANGE WITH MILITARY FEATS, BUT THEY ONLY HURT HIS REPUTATION.

AT THIS RATE, RAYBURN IS REALLY GOING TO BE IN A BIND...

ISN'T PRINCE RAYBURN SO COOL?



OH MY GOD, ARE YOU CRAZY?! HOW COULD YOU BRING THAT HERE! YOU'RE GOING TO BE IN SO MUCH TROUBLE IF YOU GET CAUGHT BY THE ROYAL FAMILY!



BUT IT WAS JUST SO INTERESTING THAT I COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO PUT IT DOWN.

DON'T WORRY, THEY'RE ALL IN THAT MEETING SO...

THRUST



YOU TWO,

WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THAT YOU DARE MENTION PRINCE RAYBURN'S NAME?

!





P- PRINCESS!

M- MY APOLOGIES.

THE PRINCE WAS JUST SO AMAZING IN THE BOOK... I WASN'T TRYING TO SPEAK ILL OF HIM WHATSOEVER.



SO I DIDN'T MISHEAR THEM... THEY THINK RAYBURN IS COOL?

THE SAME RAYBURN WHO'S ALWAYS SURROUNDED BY TERRIBLE RUMORS?

.....



SPEAK TRUTHFULLY. WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU MEAN BY "IN THE BOOK"?



.....THERE'S...

A BOOK CALLED, "THE PRINCE IN THE ROSE"...



ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO, THIS FANFIC... NO, THIS NOVEL STARTED GETTING REALLY POPULAR AMONG US COMMONERS AND...

YOU'RE SAYING THIS IS THAT POPULAR?

NO WONDER THE ATMOSPHERE WAS SO STRANGE IN THE STREETS...

FLIP



THAT'S WHY THERE WAS THAT WHOLE MESS?

THAT'S WHAT I HEAR, MY DUKE.





WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Prince Oppa is so callous.  
There are so many kinds of  
flowers, yet he resembles a rose.  
Imagine how many bees  
must have been hurt by  
his thorns blah blah blah  
.....



DOES IT REALLY  
READ LIKE A MASTERPIECE?  
I'D ALSO LIKE TO TR-



.....

HM

I CAN'T BEAR  
TO EVEN LOOK AT SUCH  
BLATANT MOCKERY...



I HAVE TO GET  
RID OF THEM.



WH- WHO ARE  
YOU TALKING  
ABOUT?



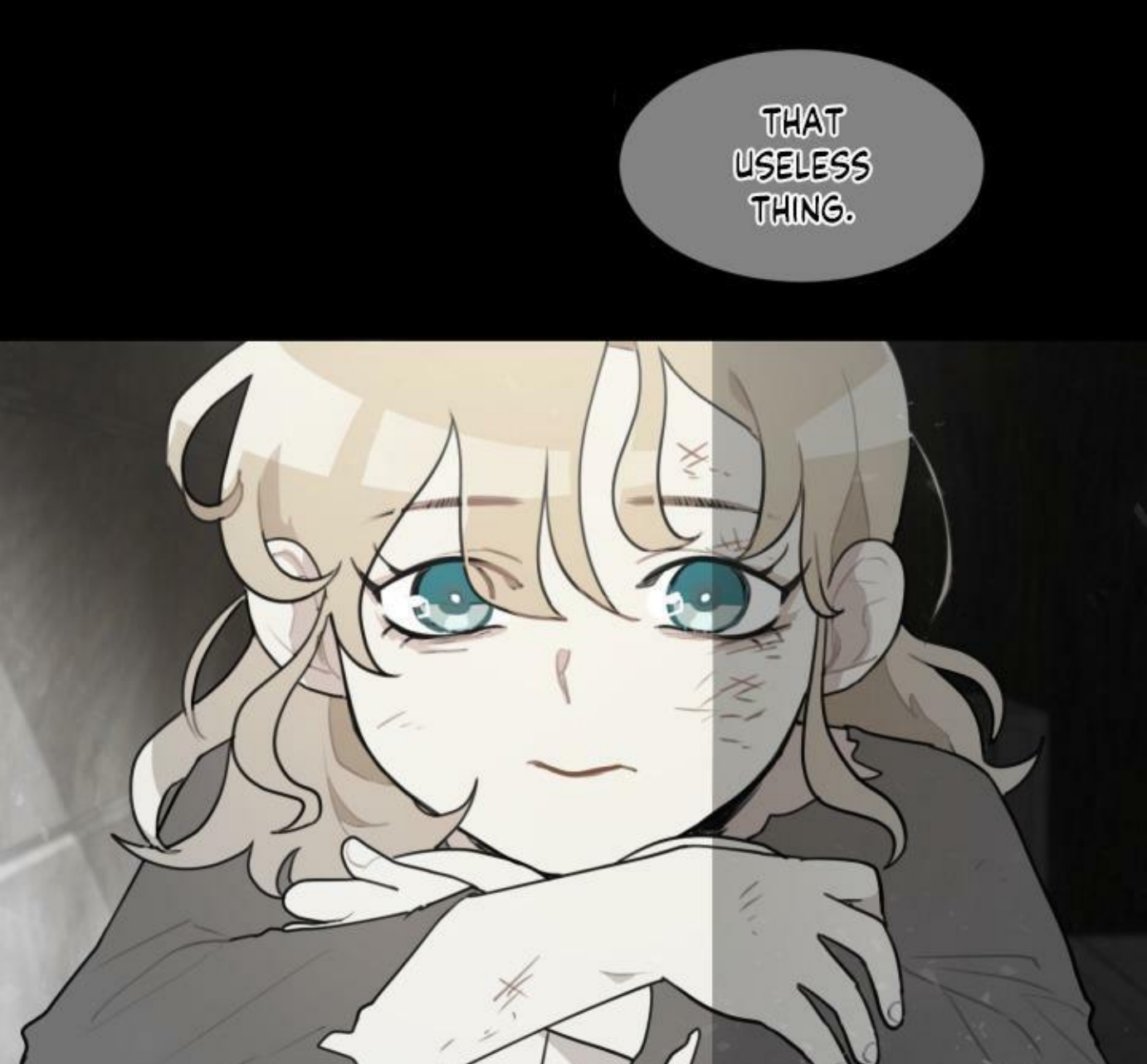
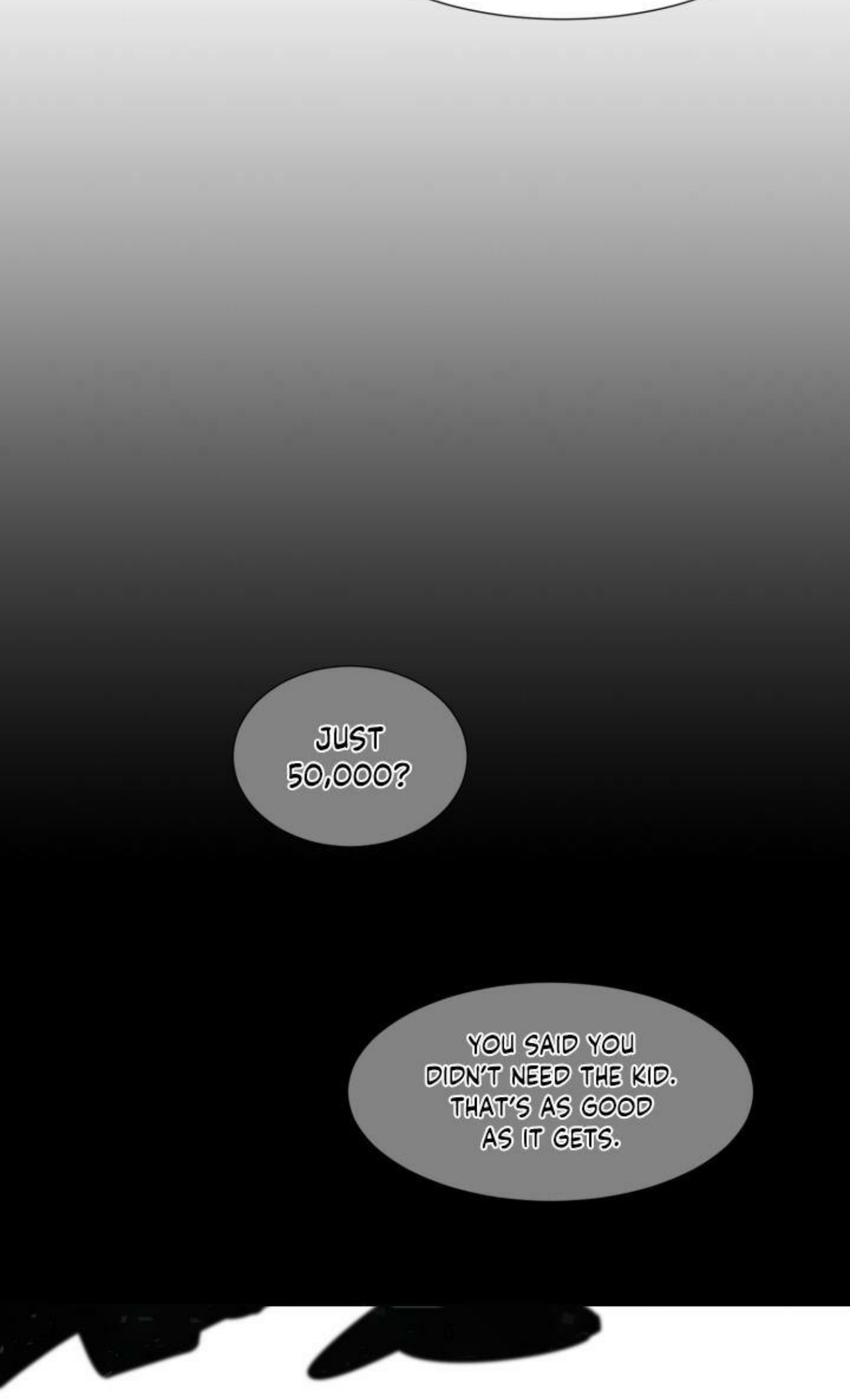
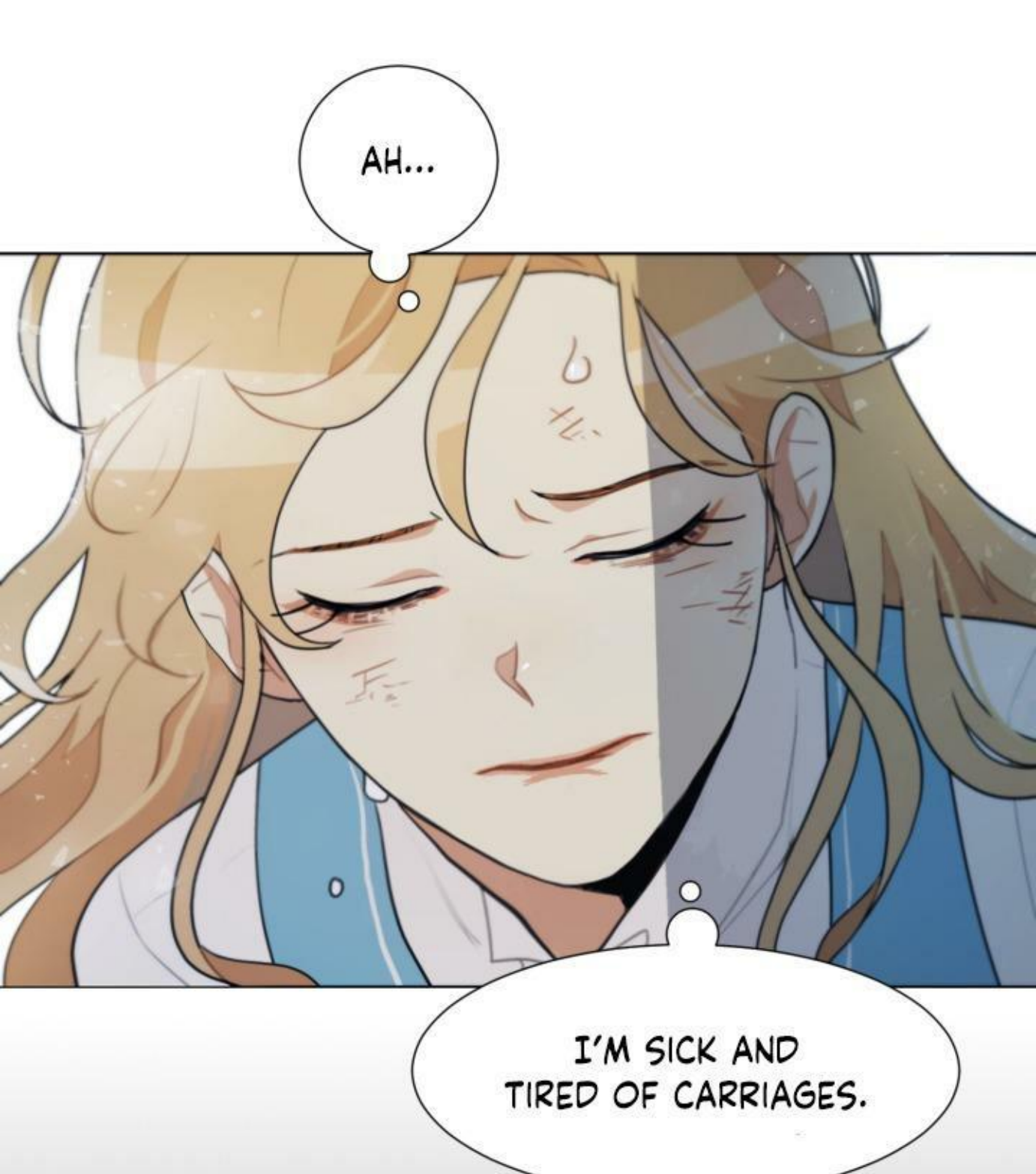
THE PERSON  
WHO WROTE  
THIS.

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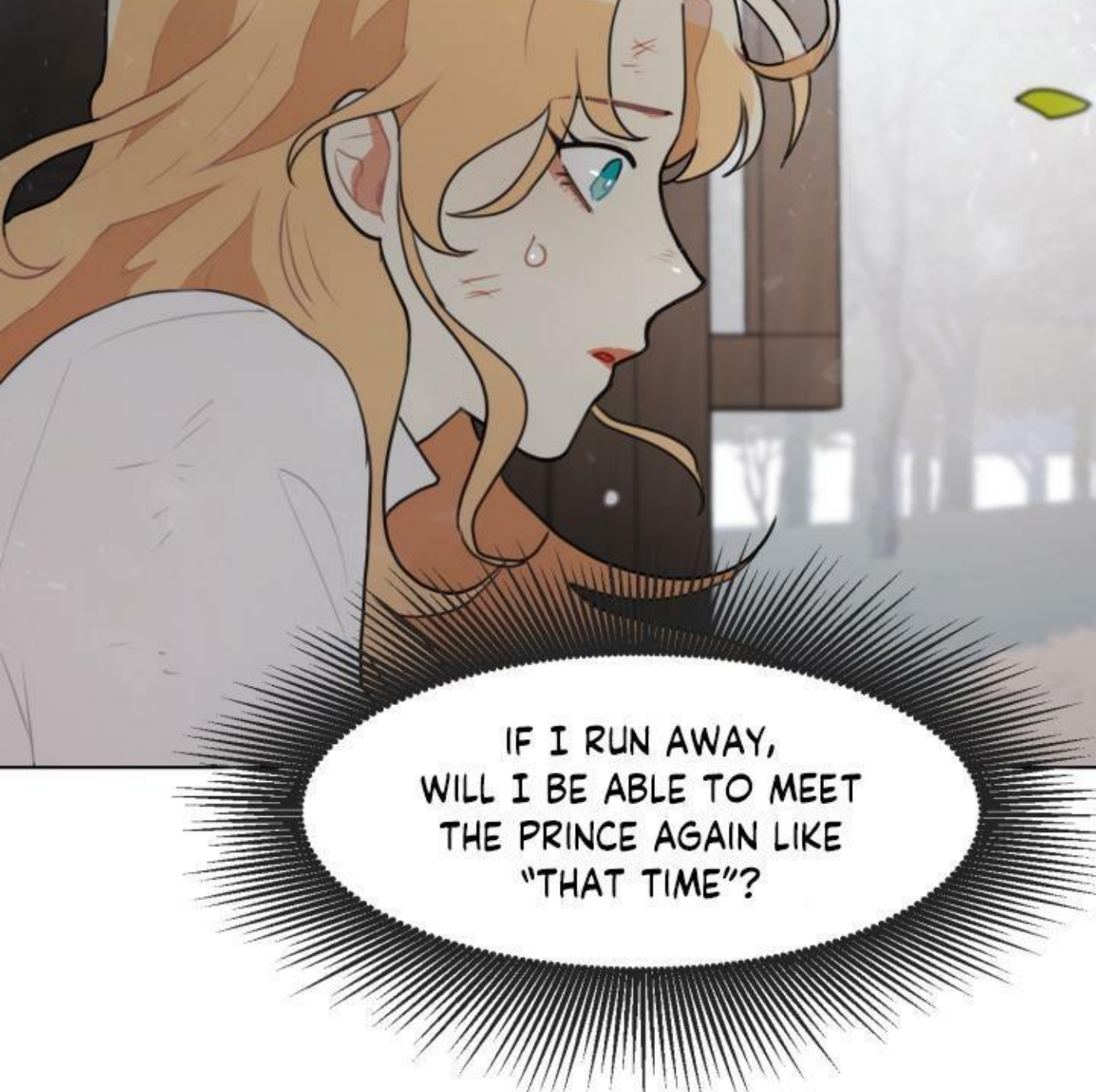












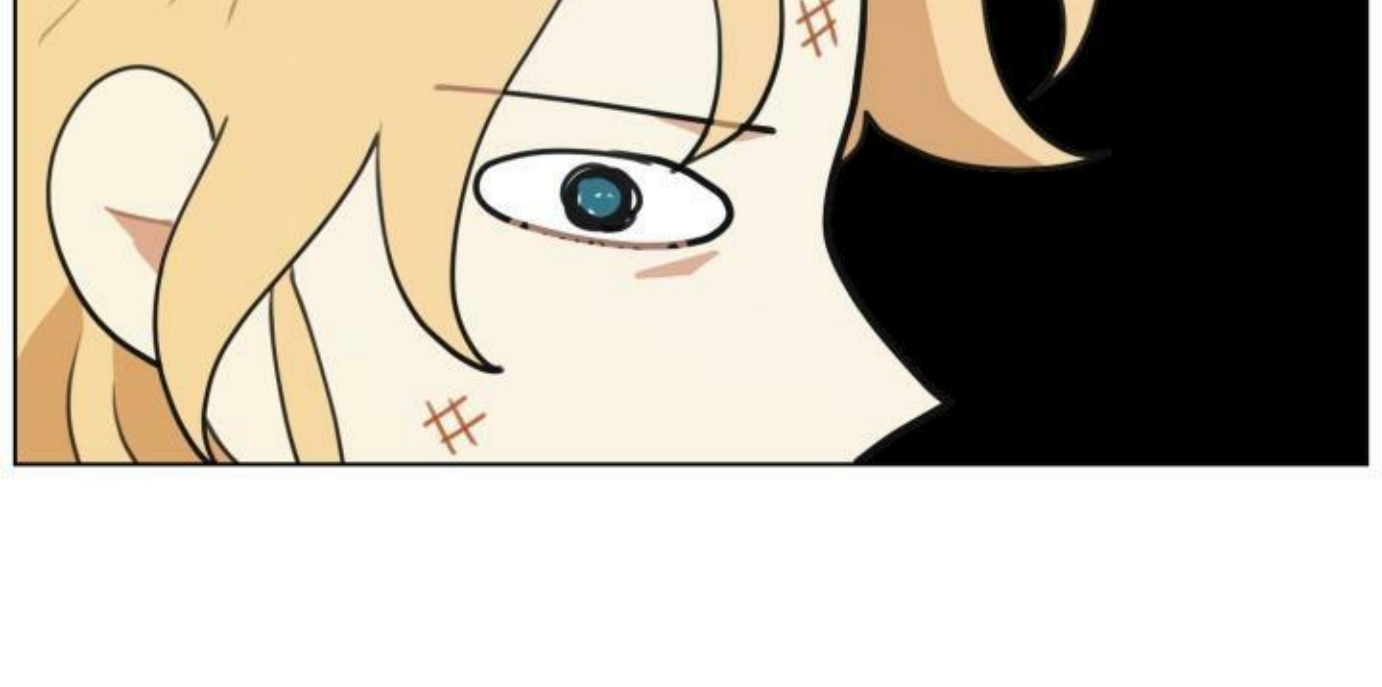
IF I RUN AWAY, WILL I BE ABLE TO MEET THE PRINCE AGAIN LIKE "THAT TIME"?

...NO. THAT WAS SO LONG AGO.

THESE PEOPLE SEEM LIKE IMPERIAL KNIGHTS, SO IF I JUST BELIEVE IN OUR BENEVOLENT PRINCE, THEN...



ISN'T SHE BEING KILLED? DO WE REALLY HAVE TO BRING HER ALONG?



I HEARD THEY'RE INVESTIGATING THE MATTER, TO SEE IF SHE'S ACTING ON THE SIDE OF THE PRINCE.



IT'S WEIRD THAT A NOVEL THAT GLORIFIES THAT HEINOUS SCUMBAG PRINCE WAS PUBLISHED, AFTER ALL.

WELL, WHAT A SURPRISE. GUESS I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE.



I HAVE TO ESCAPE AFTER ALL!!

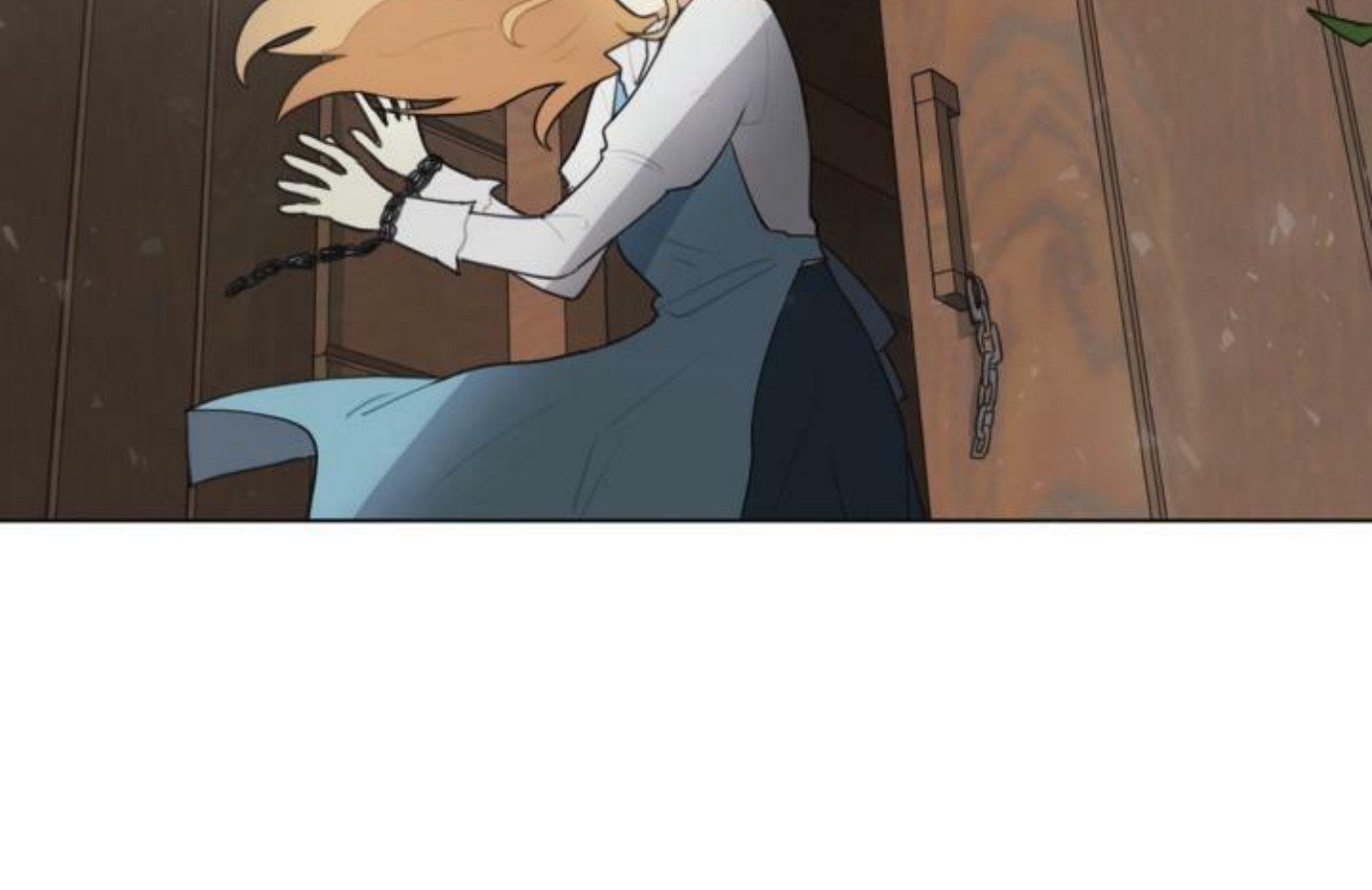
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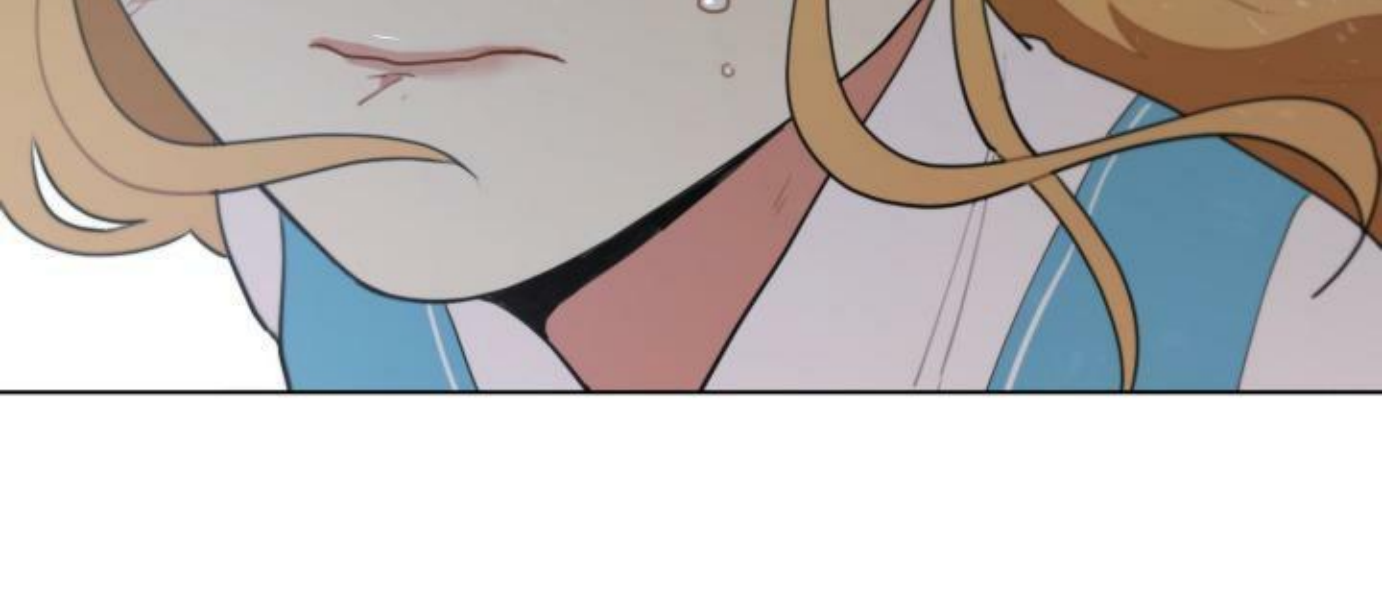
IT'S SCARY!

CLIP CLOP

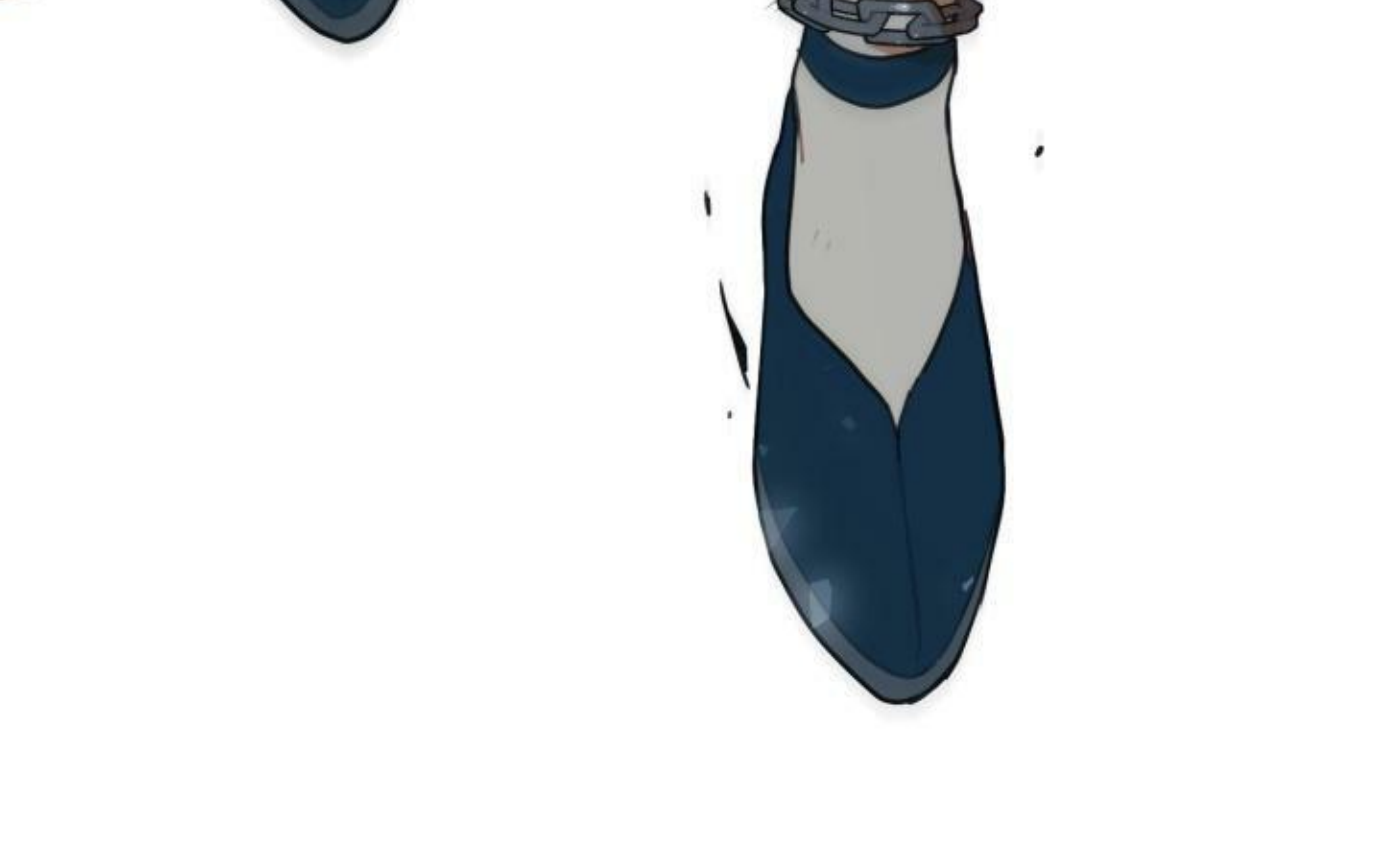




WAS IT THIS SCARY



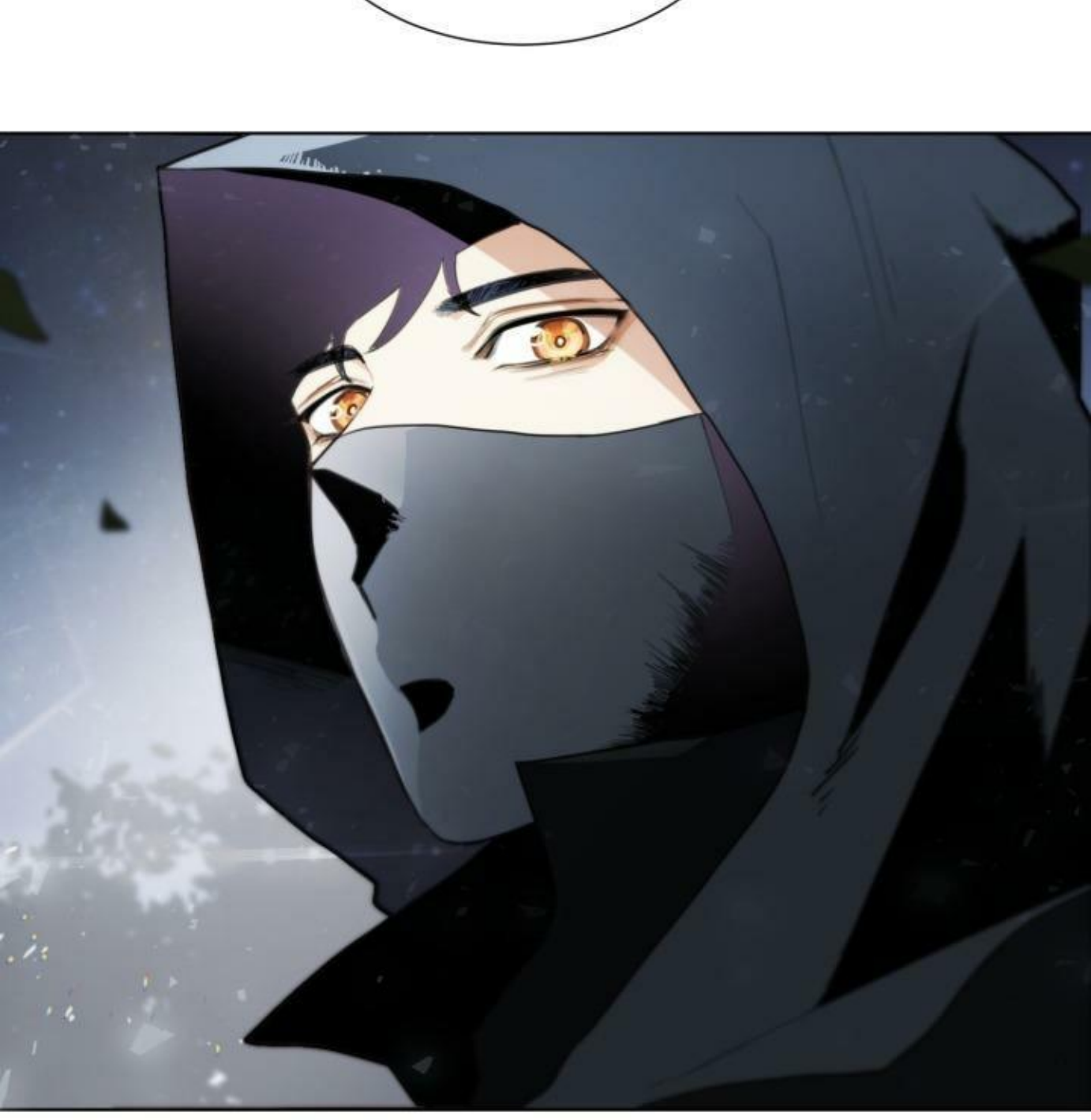
BACK THEN TOO?



...!



WH- WHO...?





SUDDEN

...ARE YOU THE AUTHOR?

WAIT INSIDE.

Toss

ACK!!

THUMP

THUMP

THUNK

!

?

CLIP CLOP

CLIP CLOP

...A HORSE?

WHAT'S GOING ON...





AN AMBUSH?!

FROM  
WHERE...



WHEN DID THEY...!

THEY'RE SKILLED!

DRIP

DRIP





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BROUGHT TO YOU BY

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RAW PROVIDER

JUNIPER

TRANSLATOR

JUNIPER

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HYDRA

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HYDRA

TYPESETTER

JUNIPER

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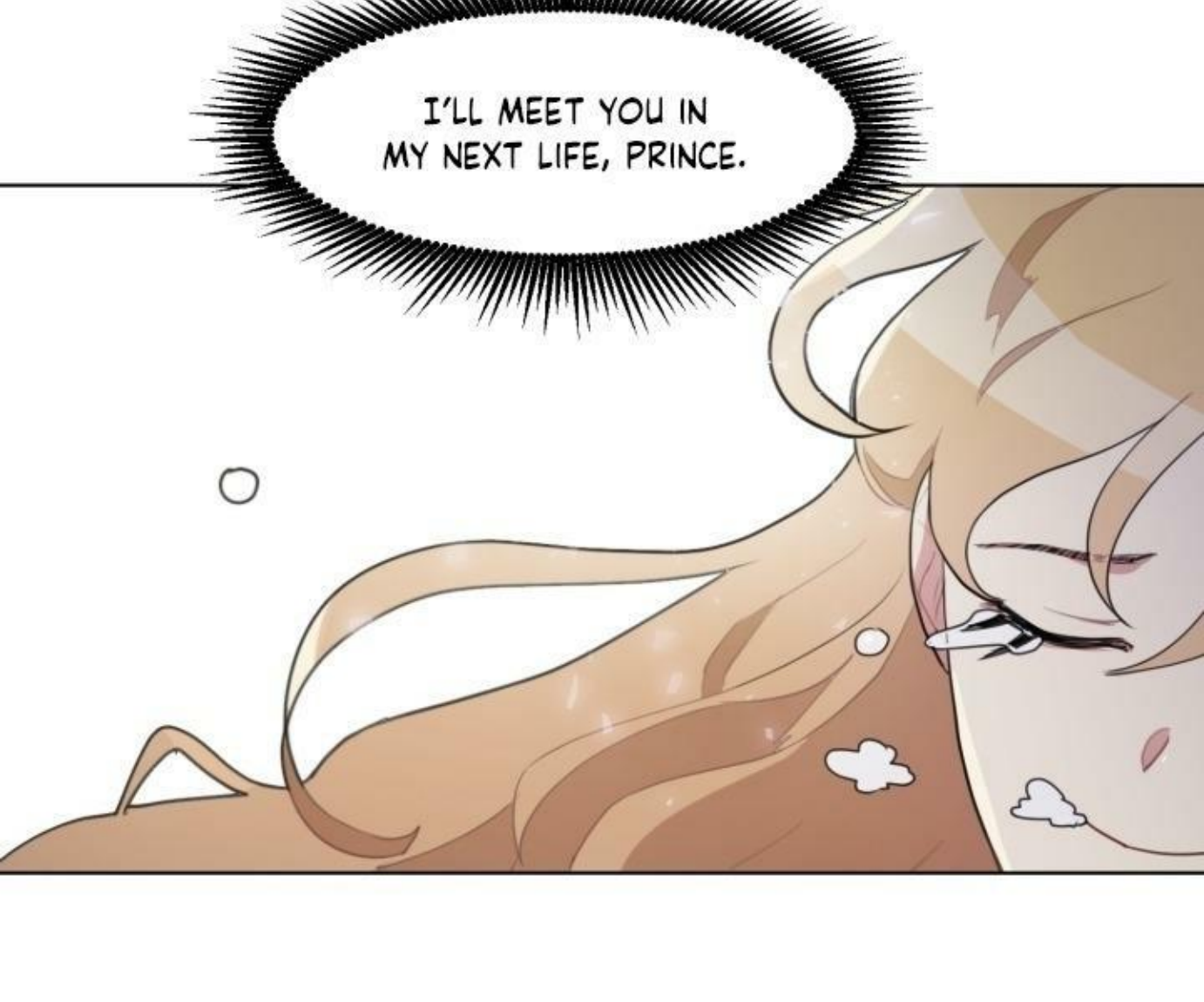


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...WHAT'S SHE UP TO.



BUT WHY DID YOU BRING YOUR OWN HORSE HERE?!

GEEZ, JUST WHAT WERE YOU PLANNING ON DOING IF SOMEONE FOUND OUT...



STEP

PLEASE WAIT, DUKE!



I TOLD YOU I'D GET RID OF THEM. THE ONE WHO WROTE THE BOOK.



YOU CAN'T!

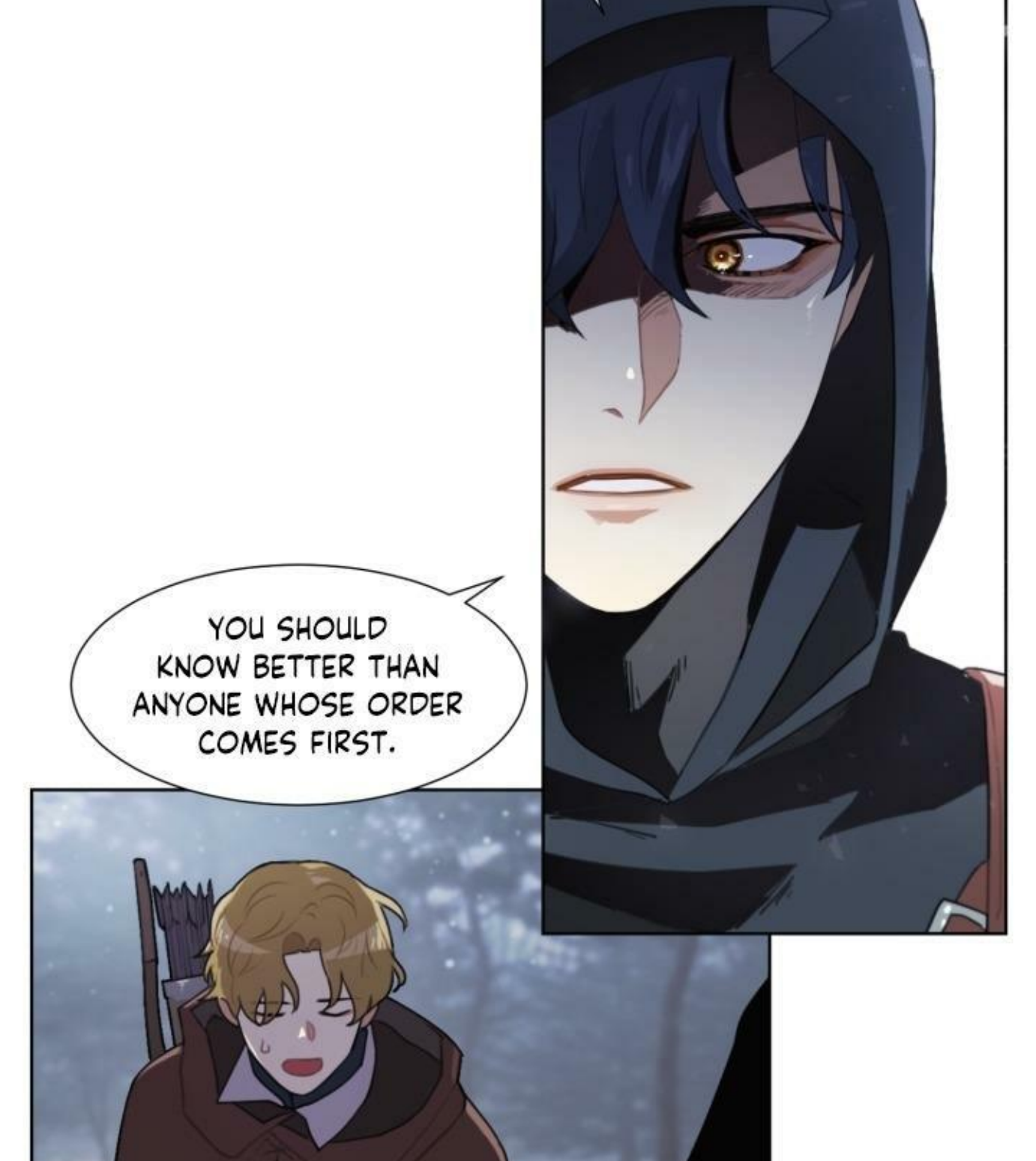
MISS HOYA SAID TO BRING THE AUTHOR BACK, NO MATTER WHAT!



WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GETTING IN THE WAY OF?

YOU'RE MY PERSONAL GUARD, NOT ONE OF HOYA'S KNIGHTS.

YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE WHOSE ORDER COMES FIRST.



...! PLEASE FORGIVE MY RUDENESS.

BUT DIDN'T YOU ALSO SAVE HER FOR A REASON, MY DUKE?







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WHO KNOWS.



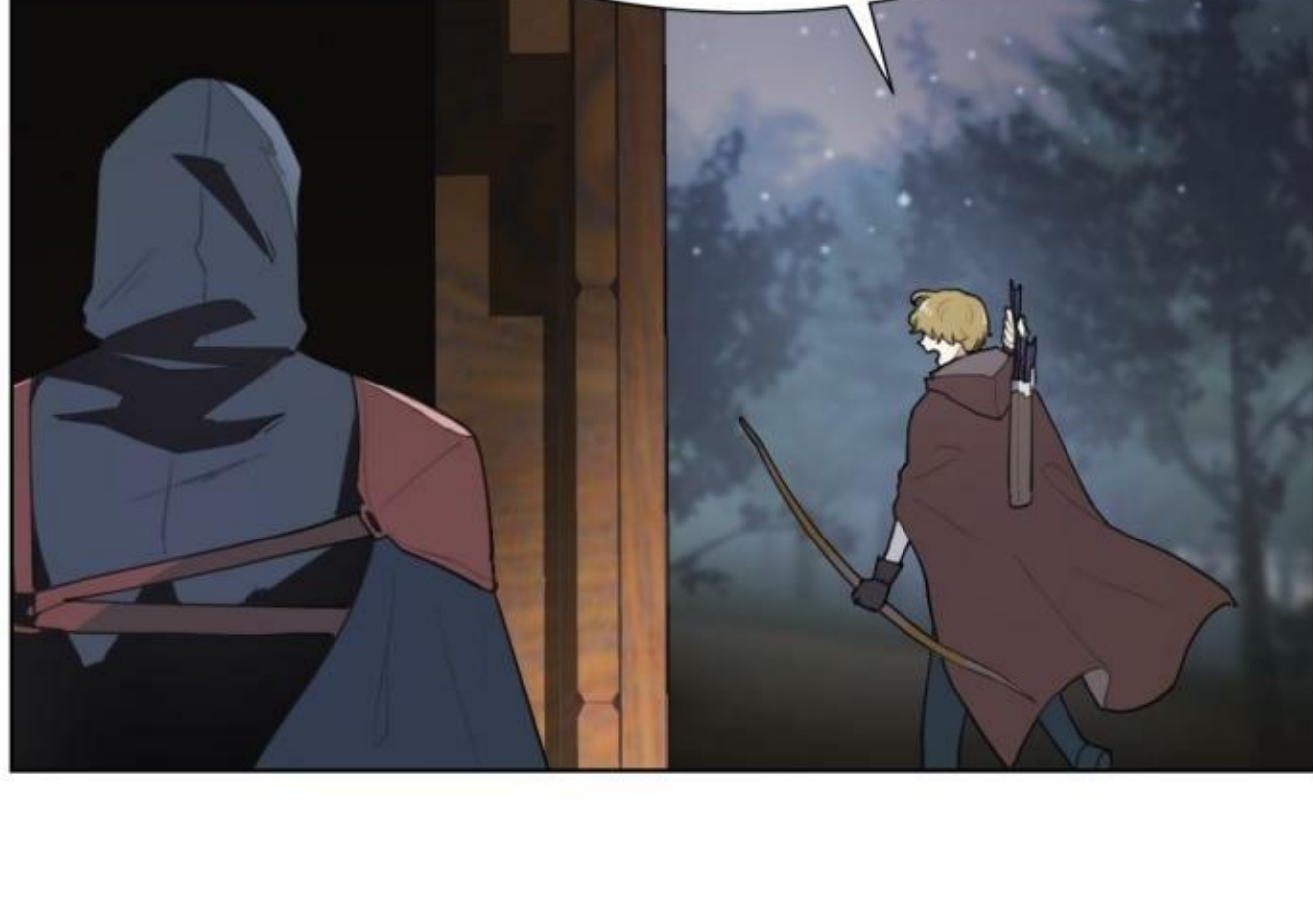
SINCE HOYA SAID THAT SHE'D EXPLAIN LATER, WE'LL DECIDE THE GIRL'S FATE THEN AS WELL.

THERE'S NO KNOWING WHAT SHE'D DO IF SHE FOUND OUT THAT YOU FAILED YOUR MISSION, GIVEN THAT PERSONALITY OF HERS.



THANK YOU.

PLEASE HEAD BACK FIRST. I'LL FINISH TAKING CARE OF THIS.









AS EXPECTED.

THESE WOUNDS ARE ALL AIMED AT THEIR VITALS.

THE REST ARE JUST A COVER-UP.

SO, HAVE YOU FINISHED INSPECTING YET?

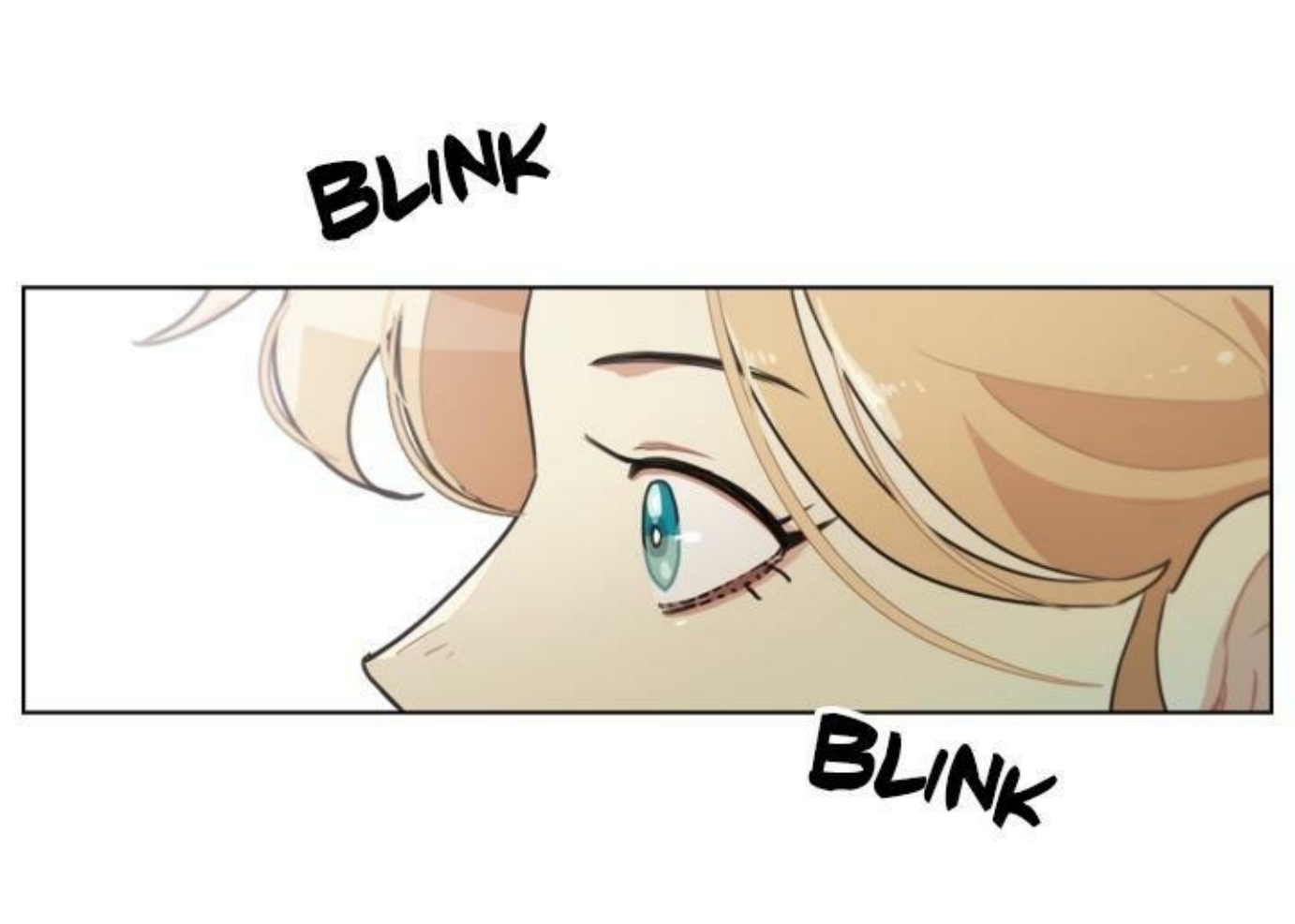
WHAT DO YOU THINK, YOUR HIGHNESS?

YES, GENERAL.

IT'S CERTAINLY INTERESTING.



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IT... WAS  
A DREAM.



THEN IS THIS  
A DREAM TOO?

WHERE AM I?



I'M PRETTY SURE  
I FAINTED...



AND THERE'S NO WAY I'D  
EVER SEE SUCH POSH FURNITURE  
BACK IN MY VILLAGE.



HAHA. LOOKS LIKE IT'S THE  
END FOR ME, TAKE TWO. BUT WHEN  
WOULD I EVER GET TO ENJOY  
SUCH LUXURIES AGAIN?

EVEN IF IT'S  
A DREAM.



THAT'S RIGHT. THIS  
IS ALL BECAUSE I MET  
SIR MASK AND...



BLOOD...



BLOOD  
SPRAYED AND...





THANK YOU, SIR MASK.  
IT'S THANKS TO YOU THAT I WAS ABLE  
TO CREATE THESE WONDERFUL MEMORIES  
AND HAVE SUCH A GREAT DREAM,  
DAMN IT.

IF I WAKE UP FROM THIS  
DREAM, I NEED TO WRITE THIS  
EXPERIENCE DOWN RIGHT AWAY  
AND SHARE IT...

TREMBLE

~?

TREMBLE

WAIT,

WHAT IF IT'S  
NOT A DREAM?

CLIP CLOP

THEN WAS I...

MURDERED?

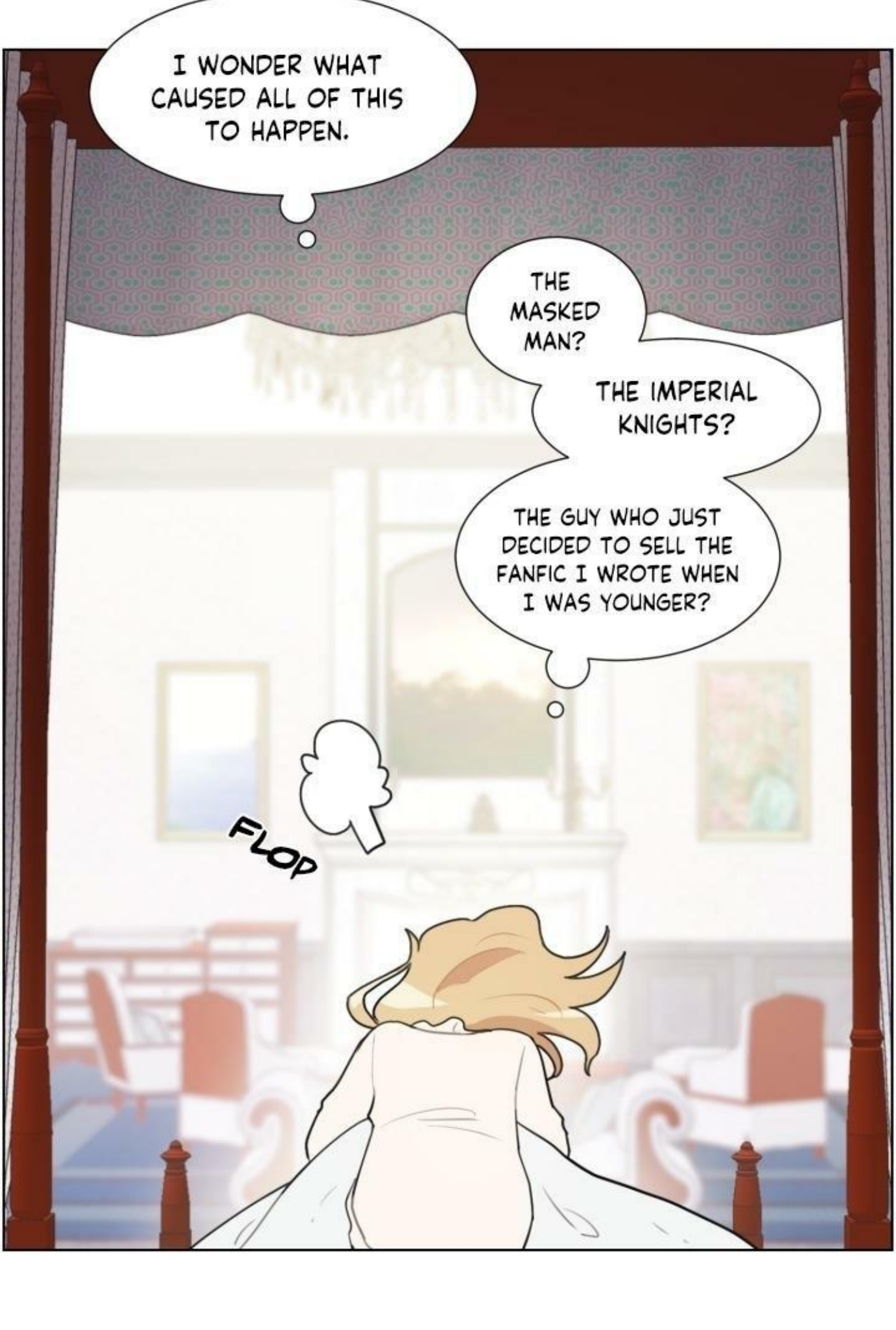
SHIVER

DID I DIE AND  
COME TO THE AFTERLIFE  
OR SOMETHING?

NAH, THERE'S NO  
WAY THE AFTERLIFE HAS  
A HOUSE THIS NICE.

SO MUCH HAPPENED IN  
ONE DAY THAT I CAN'T MAKE  
SENSE OF THIS OR THAT.





THE FANFIC.

SHE MAY NOT LOOK IT, BUT SHE WRITES REALLY WELL. LAWSUITS, LETTERS, AND THE LIKE, SHE CAN HANDLE THEM ALL.

WHAT USE IS THAT WHEN SHE'LL BE DOING FARM WORK FOR THE REST OF HER LIFE.

THAT USELESS THING.

I NEVER SHOULD HAVE STARTED WRITING IN THE FIRST PLACE.



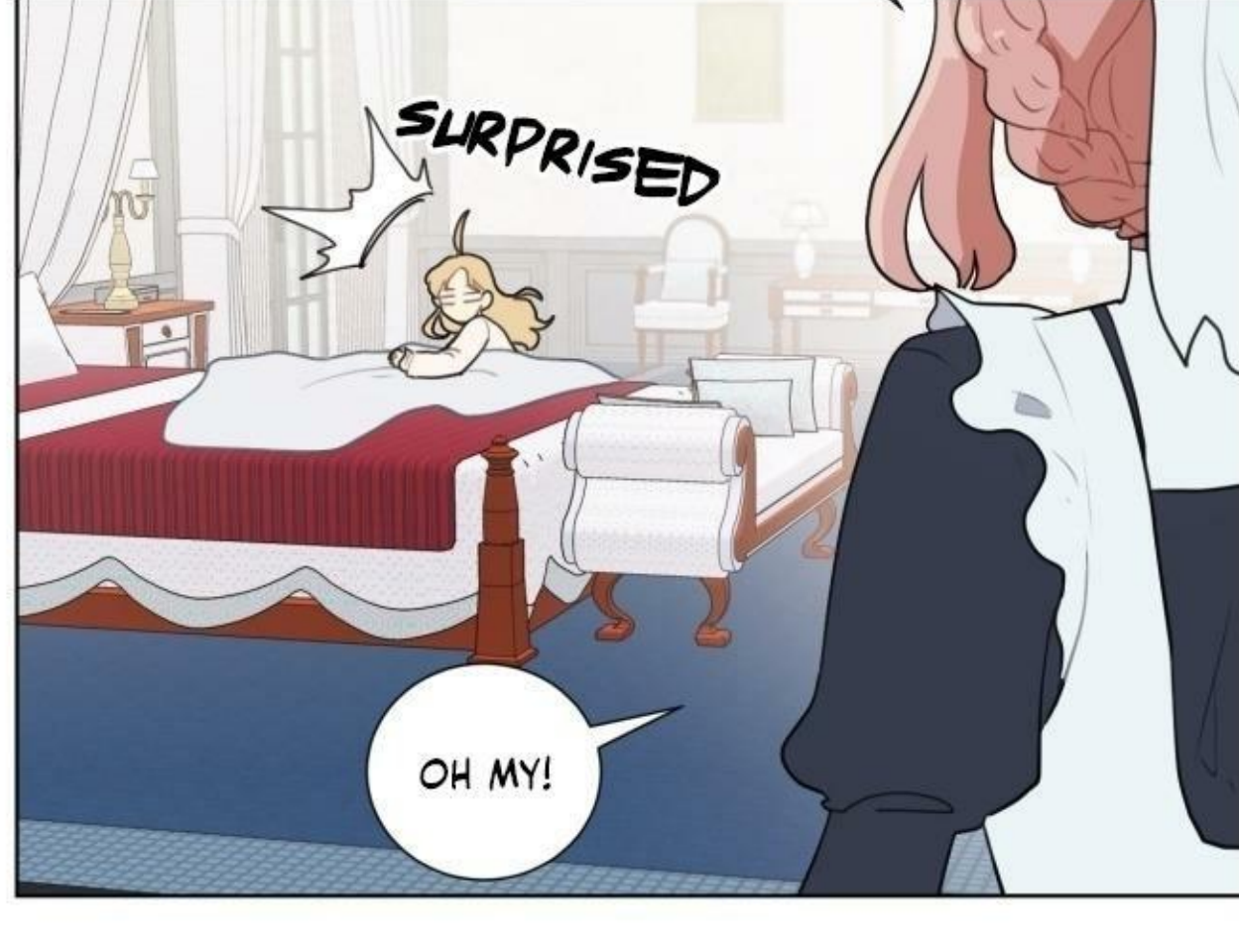
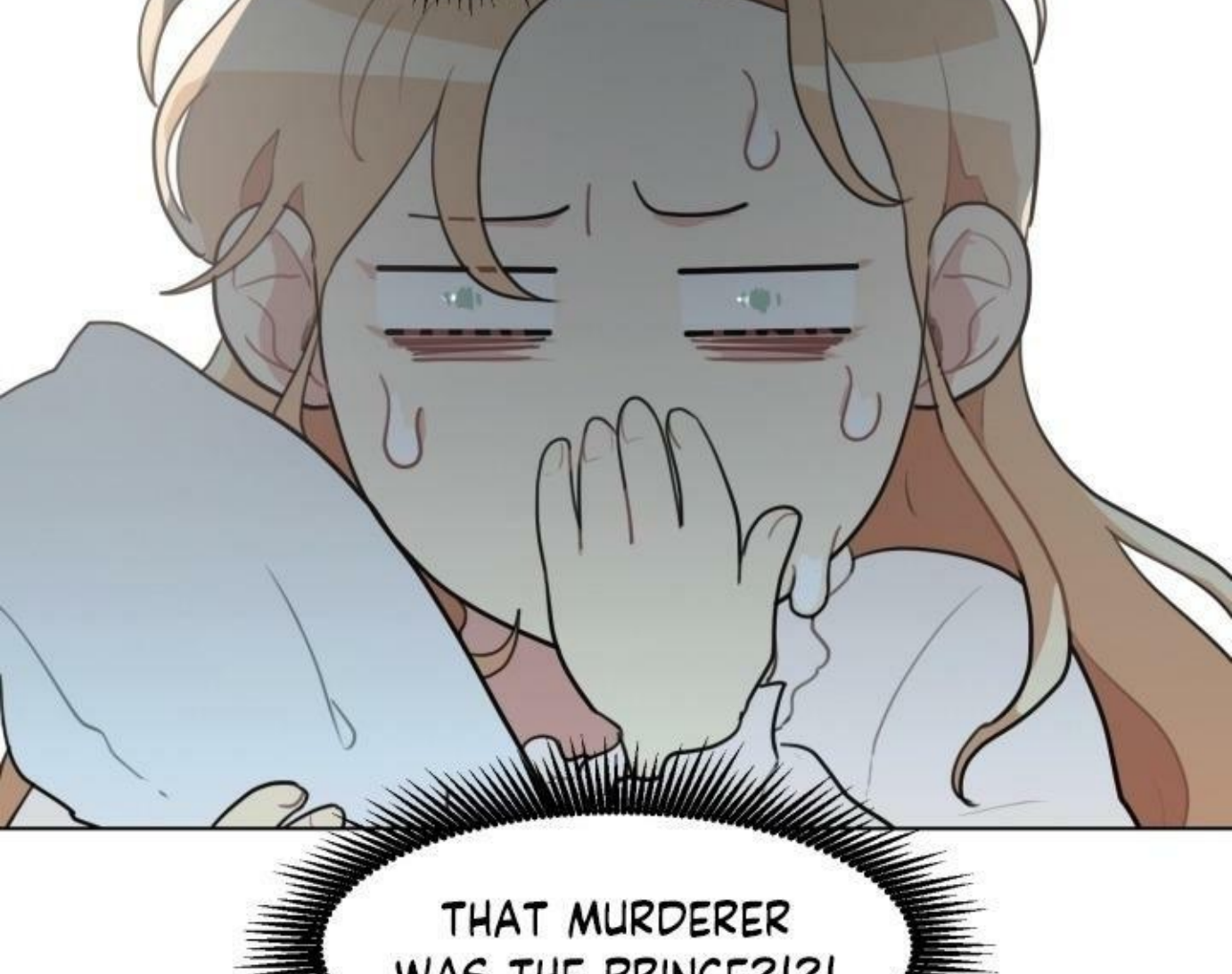
BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO FORGET...

ALL OF MY GOOD MEMORIES...

OF THE PRINCE WHO HELPED ME...









YOU'VE  
WOKEN UP!

I'M ELDRIDGE,  
THE MAID WHO'S BEEN  
ASSIGNED TO YOU.



IT'S AN HONOR TO  
SERVE YOU, SCHOLAR.

HUH?

SCHO... WHAT?

HICcup



WELCOME TO LUDEXT'S  
FIRST PRINCE, DUKE RAYBURN  
ESPELINDO'S MANSION.

OH OH OH

HUH?!?



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WHAT DO YOU  
MEAN THE PRINCE'S  
MANSION...?

THEN IS  
THE PRINCE REALLY  
HERE AS WELL?

HEY, DID YOU FORGET ABOUT  
THE MASKED MAN? THE PSYCHO  
WHO WAS MAKING BLOOD SPLATTER  
EVERYWHERE COULD BE THE PRINCE.

JUST LEAVE ME ALONE.

OPPA

OF COURSE!

(SIMPLE-  
MINDED)

WHOA~!

UM, DO YOU THINK  
I COULD ADDRESS YOU  
MORE CASUALLY, SCHOLAR?  
YOU JUST SEEM SO MUCH LIKE  
A BIG SISTER BECAUSE  
YOU'RE SO YOUNG.

H- HUH?? SURE.  
OR RATHER, I'M NOT  
A SCHO-

KYAAAA,  
UNNIE!

OH MY GOSH, IT'S SUCH  
AN HONOR FOR ME TO BE  
ASSIGNED TO SUCH A COOL  
PERSON, PLEASE JUST CALL  
ME LIZZIE. AND UNNIE, I

OVERWHELMED



KNOCK

KNOCK

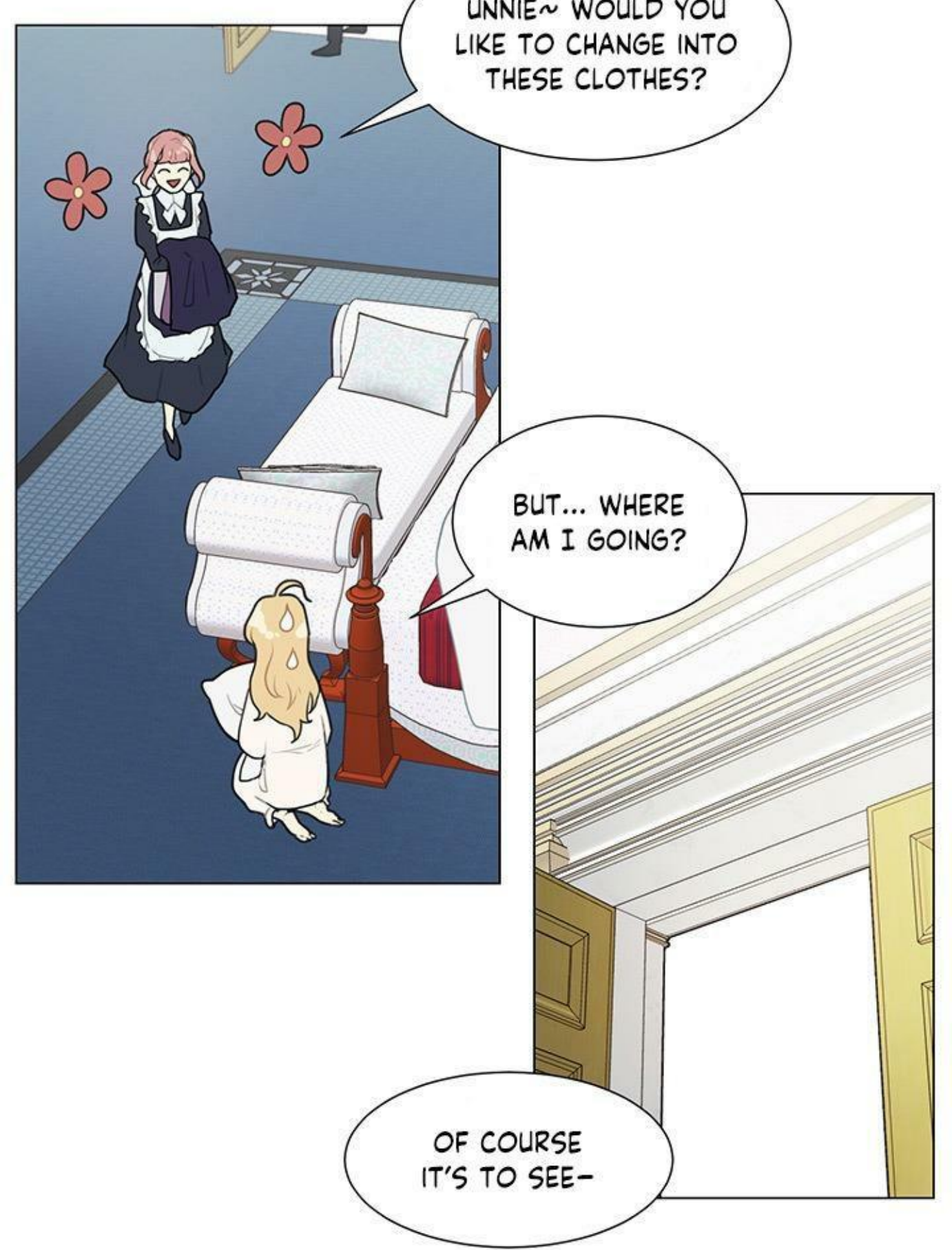
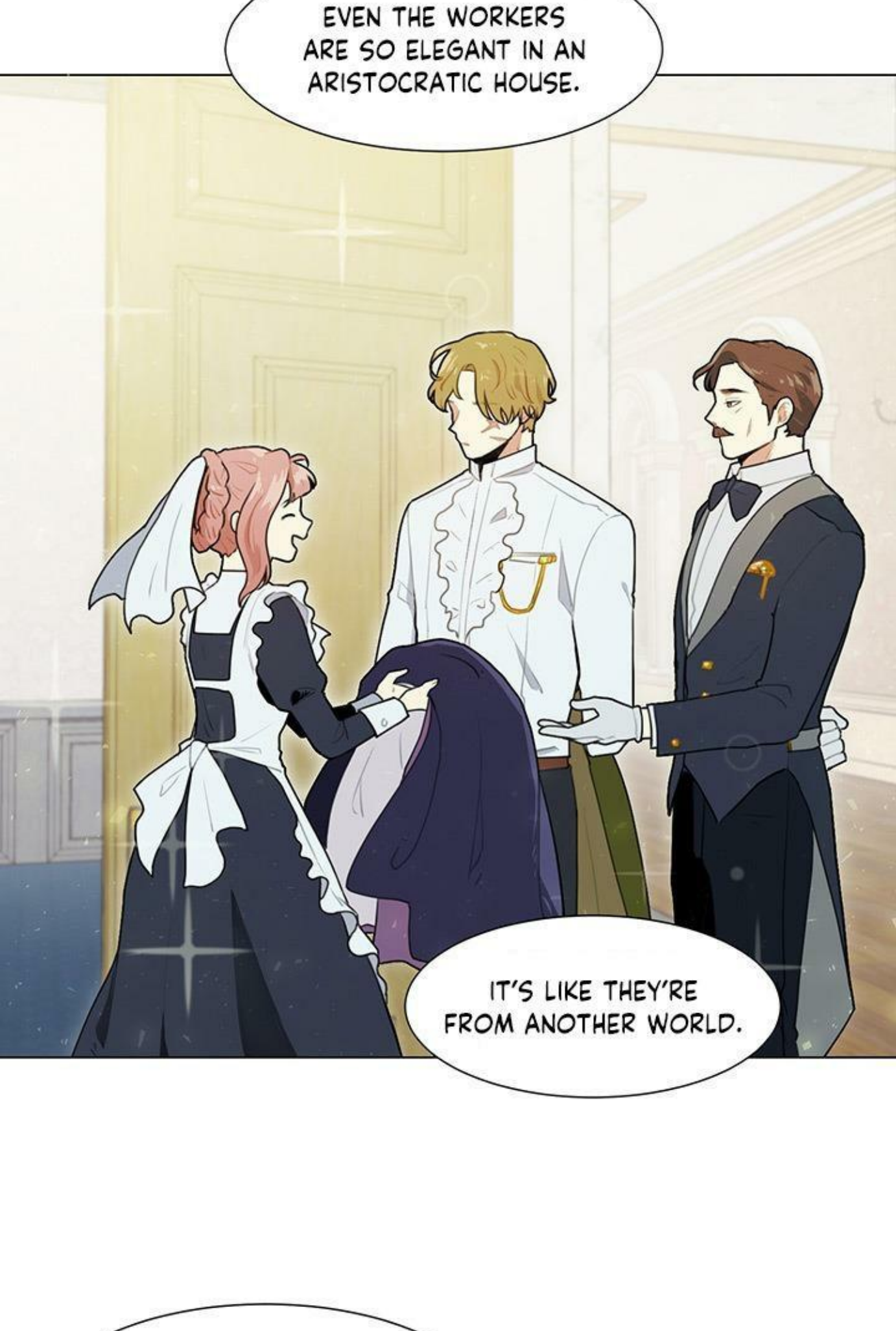
I TOLD YOU TO COME  
TELL ME IF THE SCHOLAR  
WAKES UP, NOT GO AND START  
A CONVERSATION WITH HER.

OH MY, I'M SORRY,  
SIR MANO. I GOT TOO  
EXCITED AND...

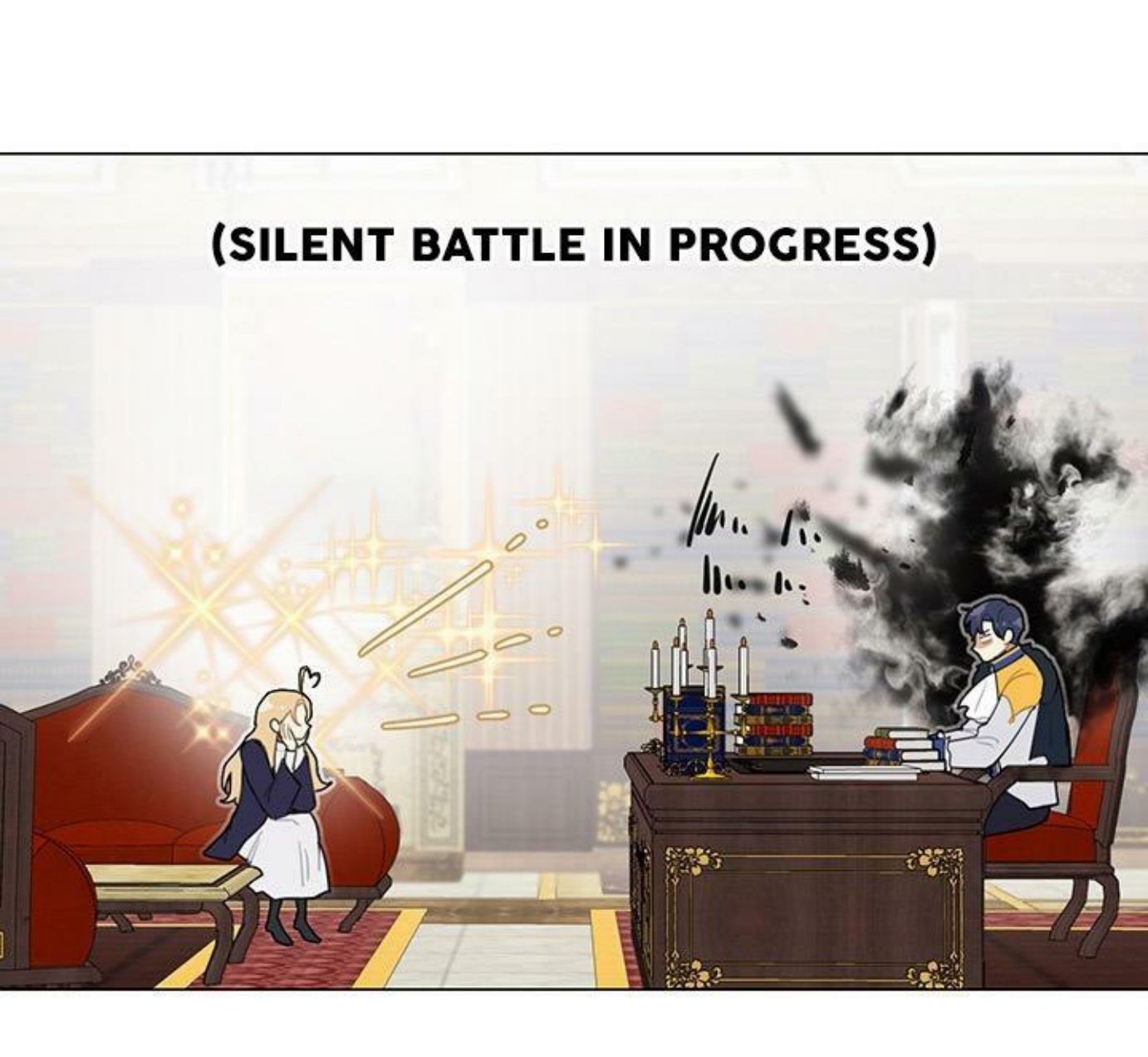
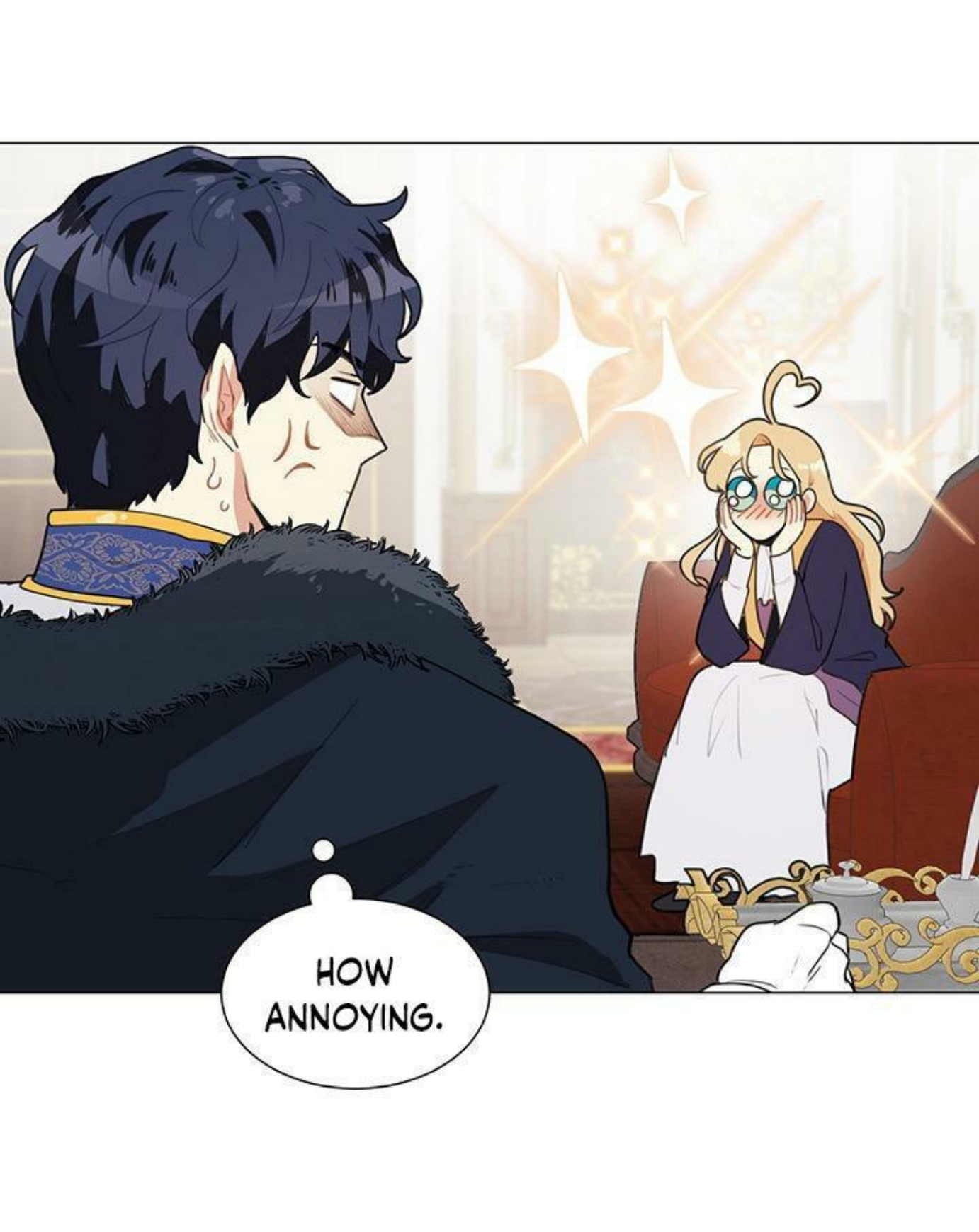
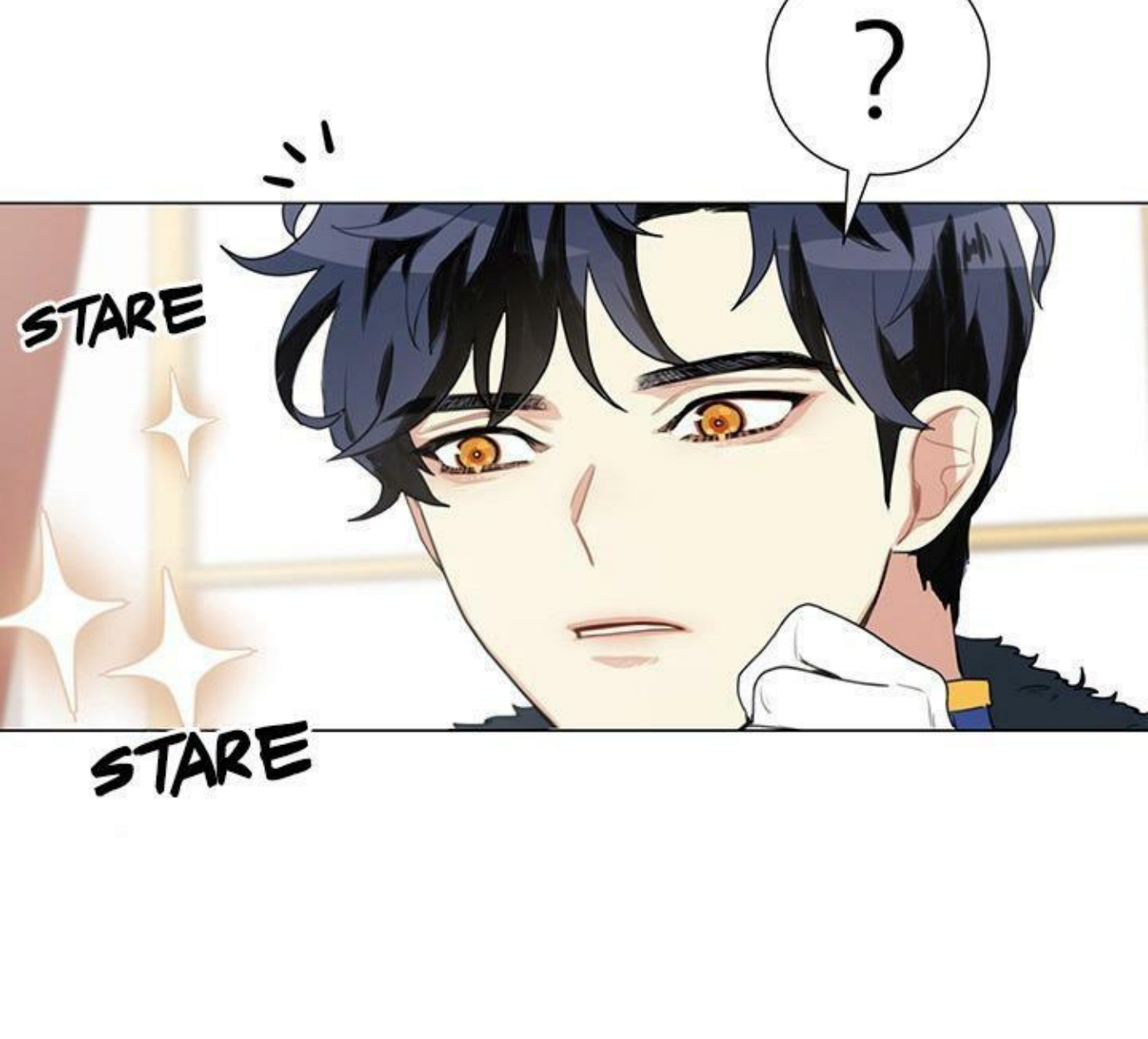
I EVEN BROUGHT  
SOME CLOTHES...

WOW...









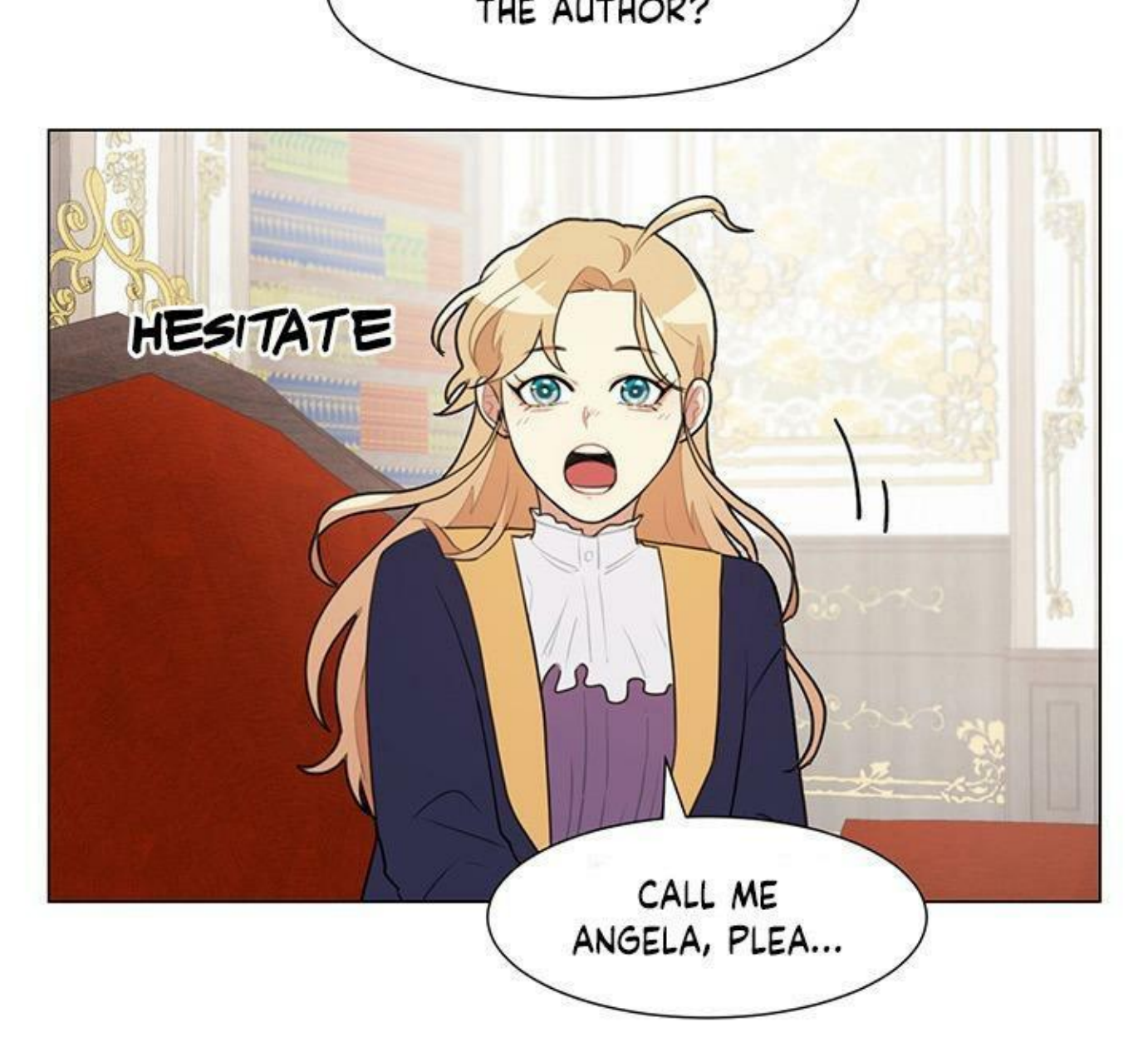
**KNOCK**

**KNOCK**



HELLO, MANO. YOU'VE WORKED HARD.

THAT MUST BE THE AUTHOR?





HAH.

SIT, PLEASE SIT.  
YOU'RE OUR SPECIAL  
GUEST.

WOW,

THEY ACTUALLY LOOK  
COMPLETELY ALIKE. IT'S MY  
FIRST TIME SEEING TWINS.

SHE'S SO  
ATTRACTIVE.

HI, RAYBURN.

SO NOW YOU  
SAY HELLO.

THUMP

(AWKWARD)

THAT'S MY  
BOOK...

STAB

TELL ME. WHY IN THE  
WORLD DID YOU BRING  
THE AUTHOR HERE?

BECAUSE SHE'S  
IMPORTANT TO US?

WHY ARE YOU SO  
ANGRY? YOU SHOULD BE  
THANKFUL SHE TURNED A MESS  
LIKE YOU INTO A PROTAGONIST  
IN THE AMAZING BOOK  
SHE WROTE.

AREN'T I SITTING  
REALLY CLOSE TO HIM?

NICE.



BUT THIS...

PRINCESS ON  
HER RIGHT

PRINCE ON  
HER LEFT

THIS IS REALLY  
STRESSFUL.

BUT THEY REALLY  
DO LOOK SIMILAR. THE  
ONLY DIFFERENCE IS  
HER DIMPLE...?

DOES THE PRINCE  
ALSO HAVE DIMPLES  
WHEN HE LAUGHS?

DID YOU EVEN  
READ IT?

NO? I HAVEN'T  
READ IT YET.

(CONFIDENT)

THERE'S EVEN A...  
A KI-... A KISS SCENE  
BETWEEN ME AND HIM IN  
THIS REVOLTING WORK  
ABOUT ME!!!

WHAT?!?!?

HAHAHA!!  
YOU AND MANO?

WHY ME???

AH... SO THAT'S  
HIS PERSONAL GUARD.

YOU THINK THAT'S IT?  
THERE WAS ALSO...

YOU SAY YOU  
HATE IT, BUT IT SOUNDS  
LIKE YOU READ QUITE  
A BIT?

HOW  
EMBARRASSING.

FADING

I WANT  
TO DIE.



URGENTLY CHANGES TOPIC

UM, I CAN'T  
REMEMBER BECAUSE I  
FAINTED YESTERDAY,

BUT DID YOUR HIGHNESS  
SAVE ME FROM THE MASKED  
ASSAILANT?

THAT WAS ME.

PARDON?

WHAT? DID YOU  
FOLLOW MANO ON THE  
MISSION I SENT HI...

!

WHAT DO  
YOU MEAN...?

THE MASKED  
MAN WAS ME.

SHINE

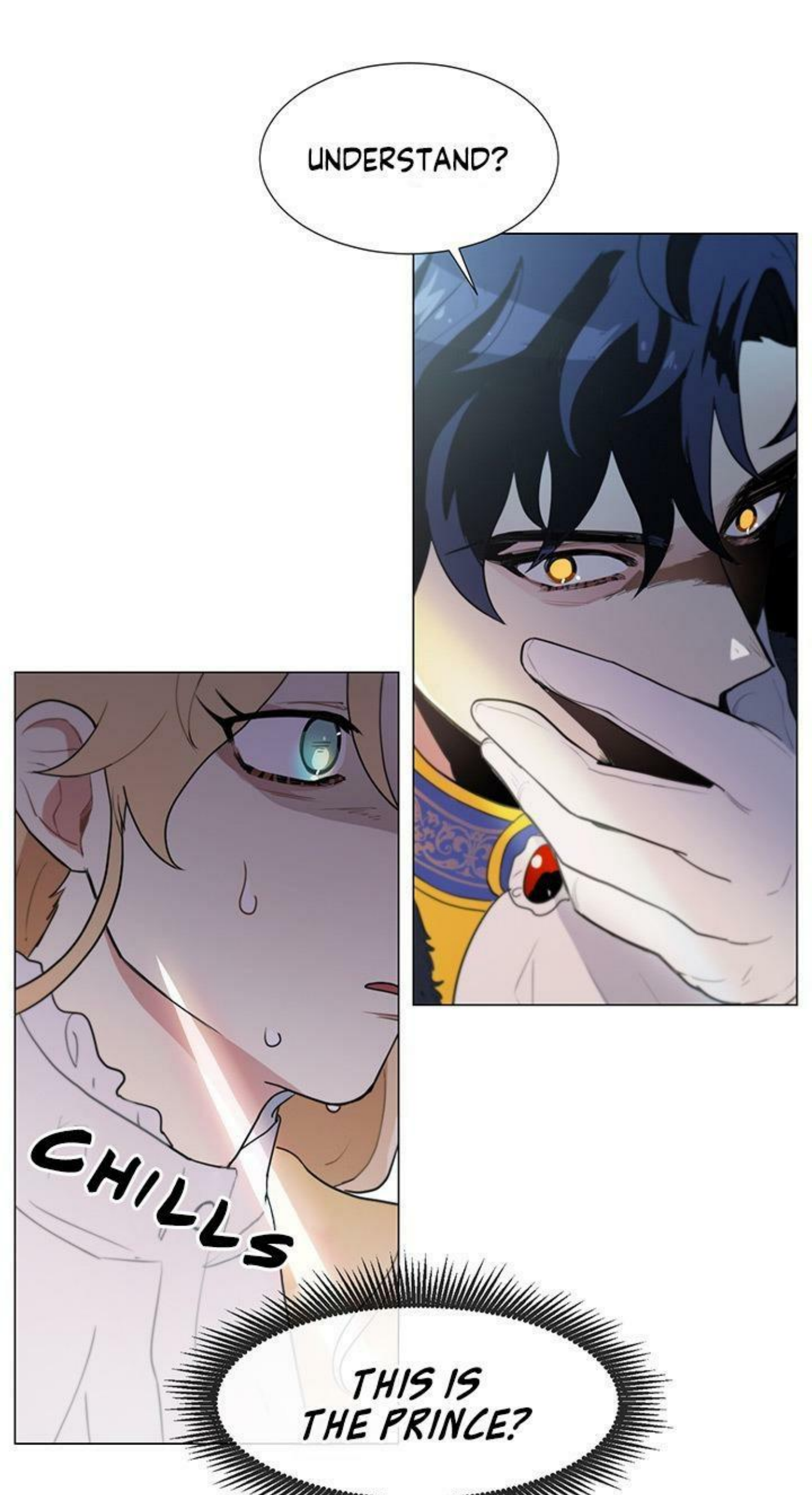
I WAS GOING TO  
KILL YOU THEN,

BUT HOYA IS  
THE REASON YOU'RE  
STILL HERE.

SWAY...

IF YOU WISH TO LIVE, THEN  
YOU BETTER BURN YOUR NOVELS  
THAT SPREAD ALL OVER TOWN AND  
DISAPPEAR FROM MY SIGHT.







WELL THEN. THAT'S ENOUGH SMALL TALK. LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS.

THE REASON WE RESCUED YOU IS BECAUSE WE NEED A SEQUEL.

A SEQUEL...?

DO YOU KNOW WHY YOU WERE BEING TAKEN TO THE IMPERIAL PALACE IN THE FIRST PLACE?

IT'S BECAUSE EVEN THE CROWN PRINCE NOTICED THE IMPACT THAT JUST A FEW PIECES OF PAPER HAD ON THE PUBLIC'S OPINION.



WE WERE ESPECIALLY SURPRISED SEEING THE TOWNSPEOPLE WHEN RAYBURN LAST RETURNED.

IT'S NOT JUST RAYBURN EITHER. THE ESPELINDO'S FAMILY IMAGE, WHICH WAS AT ROCK-BOTTOM, HAS GREATLY IMPROVED AS WELL.



THE CROWN PRINCE'S FACTION PROBABLY SUSPECTS WE'RE PULLING STRINGS BEHIND THE SCENES TO AIM FOR THE CROWN PRINCE'S POSITION THAT WAS TAKEN FROM US.

AND SO THEY'RE TRYING TO TAKE CARE OF YOU, THE MAIN CULPRIT.

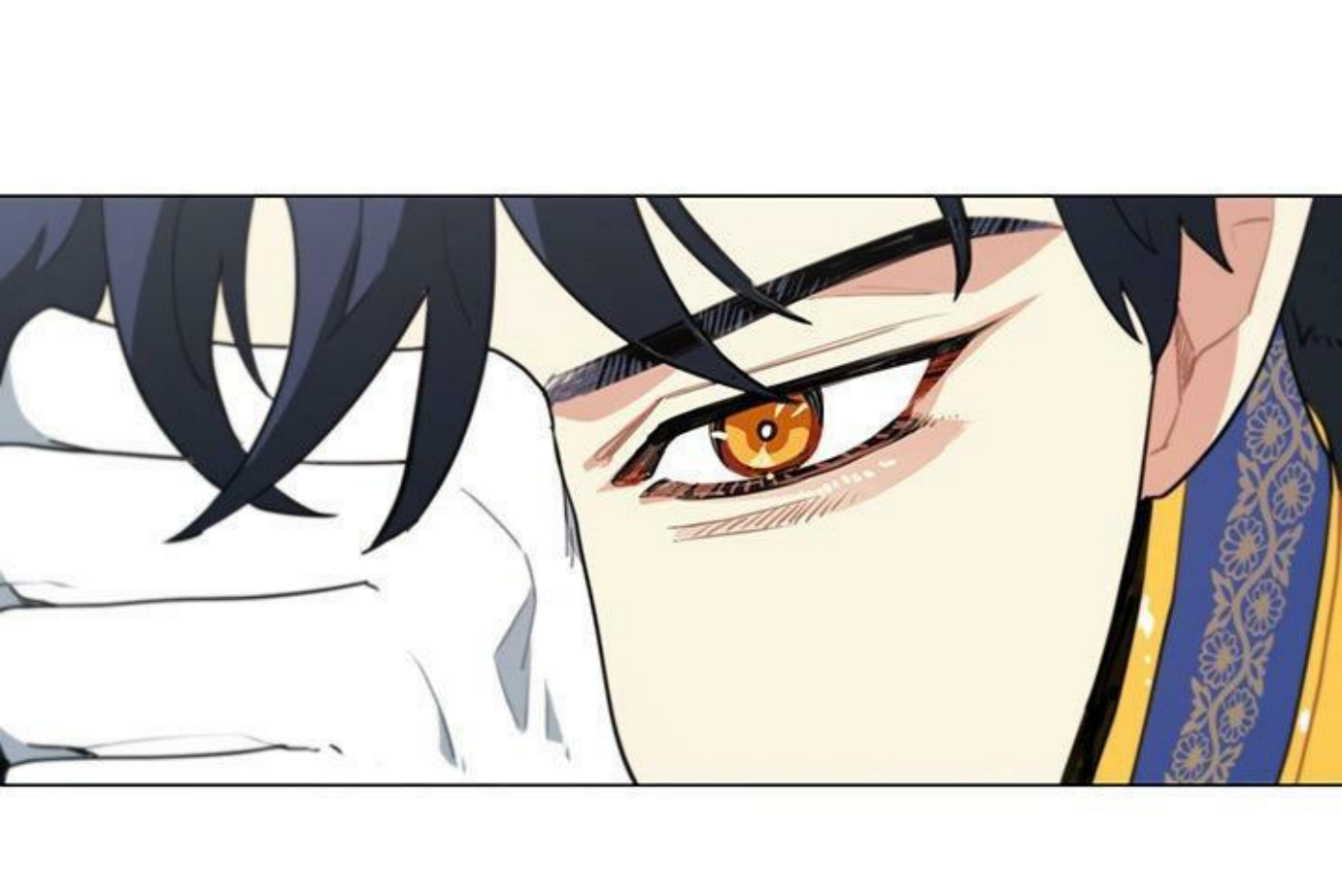
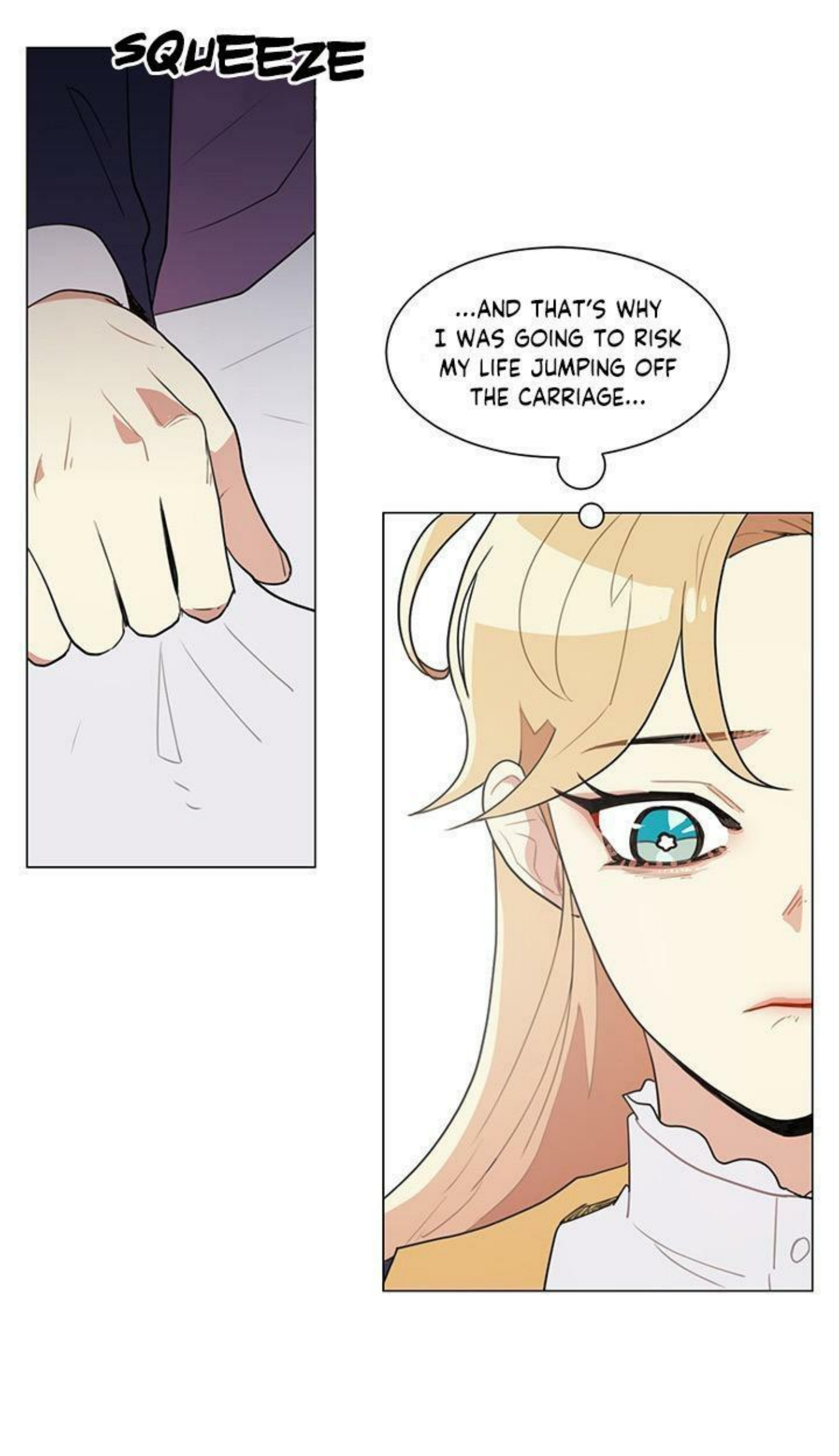
ALTHOUGH OUR ESPELINDO FAMILY NAME MAY BE IN THE DIRT, IT'S DIFFICULT TO MESS WITH US DIRECTLY.

IN ANY CASE, I BELIEVE THEY'RE TRYING TO CAPTURE YOU AND ACCUSE OUR FAMILY OF MANIPULATING THE PUBLIC'S OPINION.











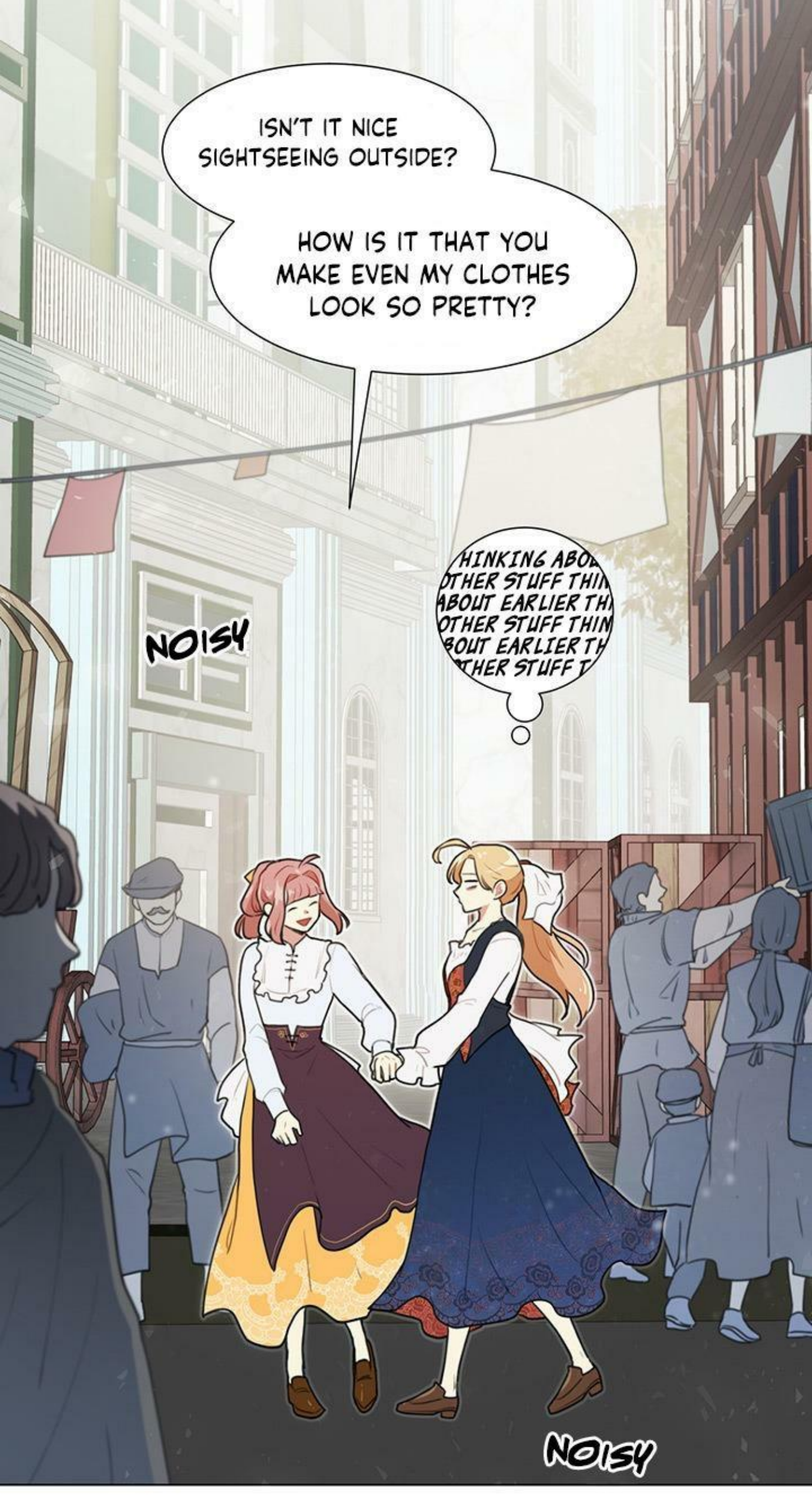


IT'S BEEN AWHILE.



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입덕  
합니다

BLANK



ISN'T IT NICE  
SIGHTSEEING OUTSIDE?

HOW IS IT THAT YOU  
MAKE EVEN MY CLOTHES  
LOOK SO PRETTY?

NOISY

THINKING ABOUT  
OTHER STUFF THIN  
ABOUT EARLIER TH  
OTHER STUFF THIN  
ABOUT EARLIER TH  
OTHER STUFF

NOISY

I HEARD YOU'RE FROM BESS.  
PLEASE DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE  
CLOTHES YOU'VE LEFT BEHIND. WE CAN  
JUST BUY YOU NEW ONES TO SUIT  
LUDEXT FASHION!

AH, THAT'S RIGHT.  
SHE DOESN'T KNOW.

A- ALRIGHT.





I'M ACTUALLY A NEWBIE(?) WHO HASN'T WORKED AT THE MANSION FOR VERY LONG.

SO I'M JUST REALLY EXCITED THAT A NEWBIE LIKE ME GETS TO SERVE SUCH AN IMPORTANT PERSON LIKE YOU!

THIS PERSON SOMEHOW SEEMS A BIT CLUELESS.

YOU BEING A NOOB  
✖ I'M IMPORTANT

EVEN THOUGH SHE HAS A HIGHER STANDING THAN ME...

SIGH...

UNNIE!

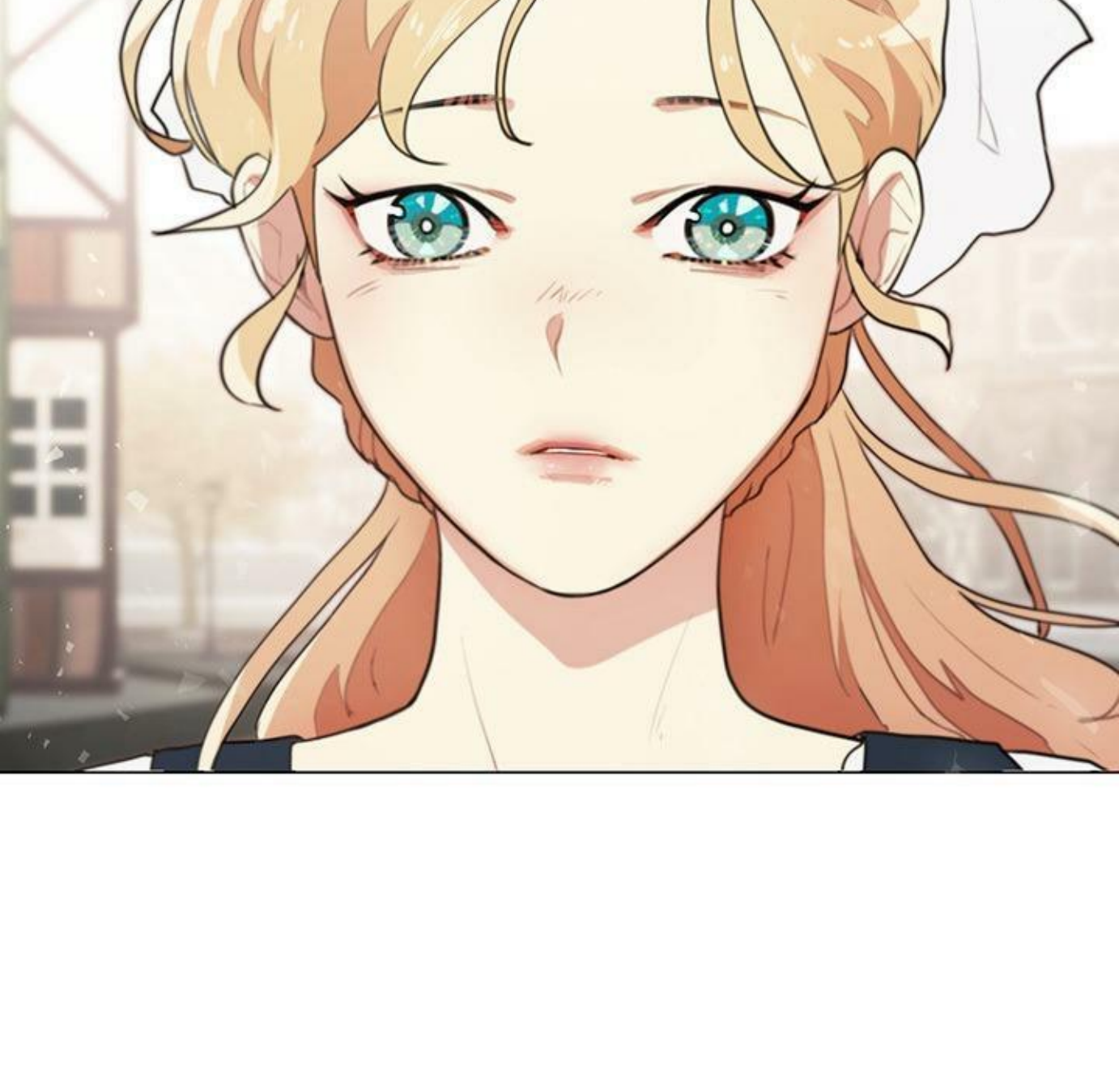
SHAKE

YOU'VE SEEMED REALLY DOWN FOR AWHILE NOW.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S WRONG, BUT YOU SHOULD LET YOUR WORRIES FLY AWAY.

EVERYTHING WILL WORK OUT JUST FINE.





SHE'S RIGHT.  
THIS IS...



THE CITY  
I'D ALWAYS  
DREAMT OF,  
AFTER ALL.



THAT CHILD...  
THERE'S NO DOUBT  
ABOUT IT!

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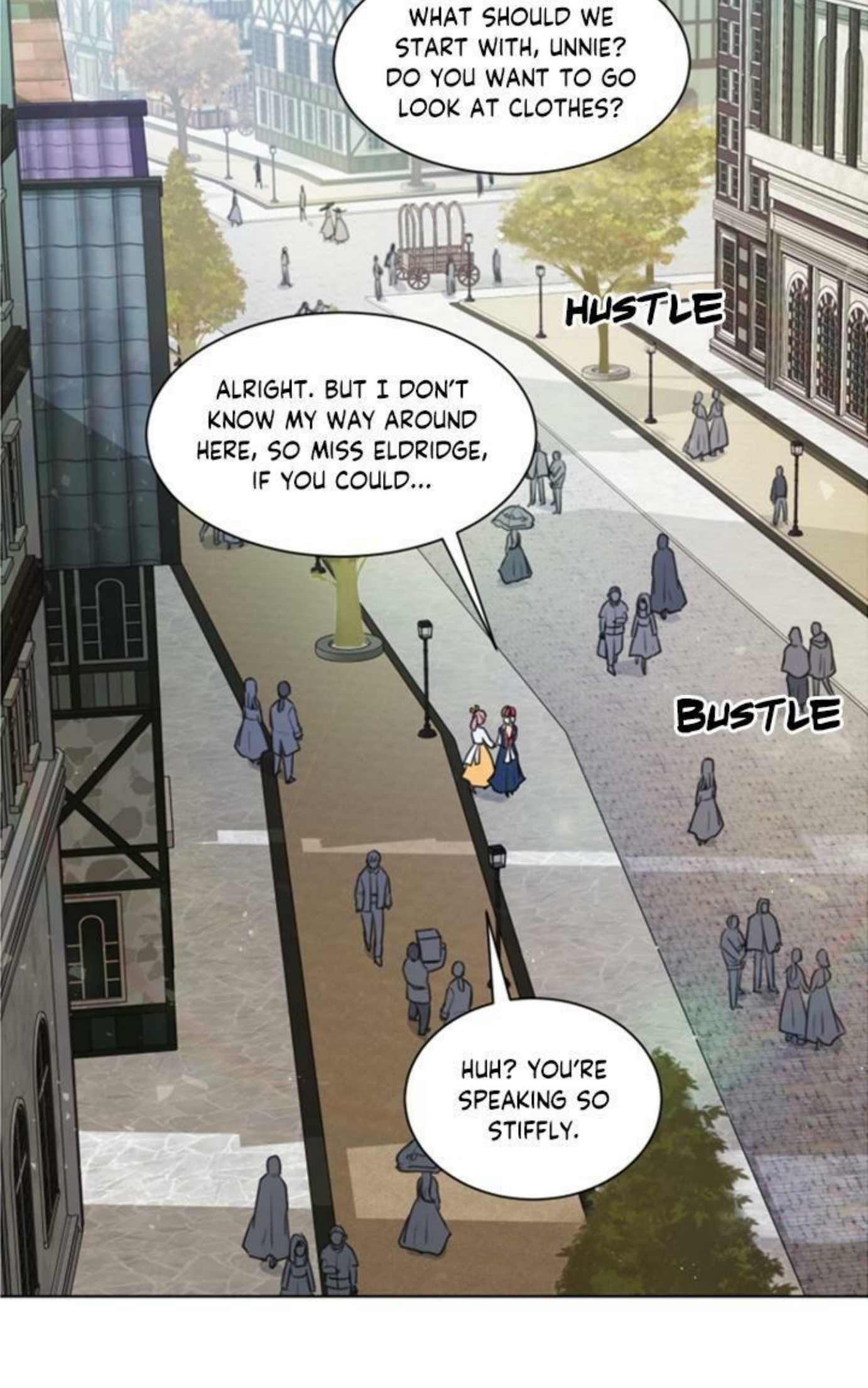


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WHAT SHOULD WE  
START WITH, UNNIE?  
DO YOU WANT TO GO  
LOOK AT CLOTHES?

ALRIGHT. BUT I DON'T  
KNOW MY WAY AROUND  
HERE, SO MISS ELDRIDGE,  
IF YOU COULD...

HUH? YOU'RE  
SPEAKING SO  
STIFFLY.

I ASKED YOU TO  
CALL ME LIZZIE. AND PLEASE,  
SPEAK COMFORTABLY!

AH...

MISS ANGELA,  
THERE'S SOMETHING  
I'D LIKE TO TELL YOU.

I THINK IT'D BE  
BEST IF YOU DIDN'T ACT  
SO AWKWARDLY.

OH...  
ALRIGHT.

YOU HAVE THE STANDING  
OF A SCHOLAR NOW. IT'S A  
POSITION THAT IS RESPECTED  
NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO.

ALSO, IN THE END,  
WE'RE RECEIVING YOUR HELP  
AS AN AUTHOR AS WELL.

SO IT'S OKAY TO  
ACT A BIT MORE  
CONFIDENT.

...BUT ABOUT  
THAT KISS SCENE FROM  
EARLIER, JUST WHAT IN  
THE WORLD...

HAHA, I'LL KEEP  
YOUR WORDS IN MIND.  
I'LL BE TAKING MY  
LEAVE NOW.

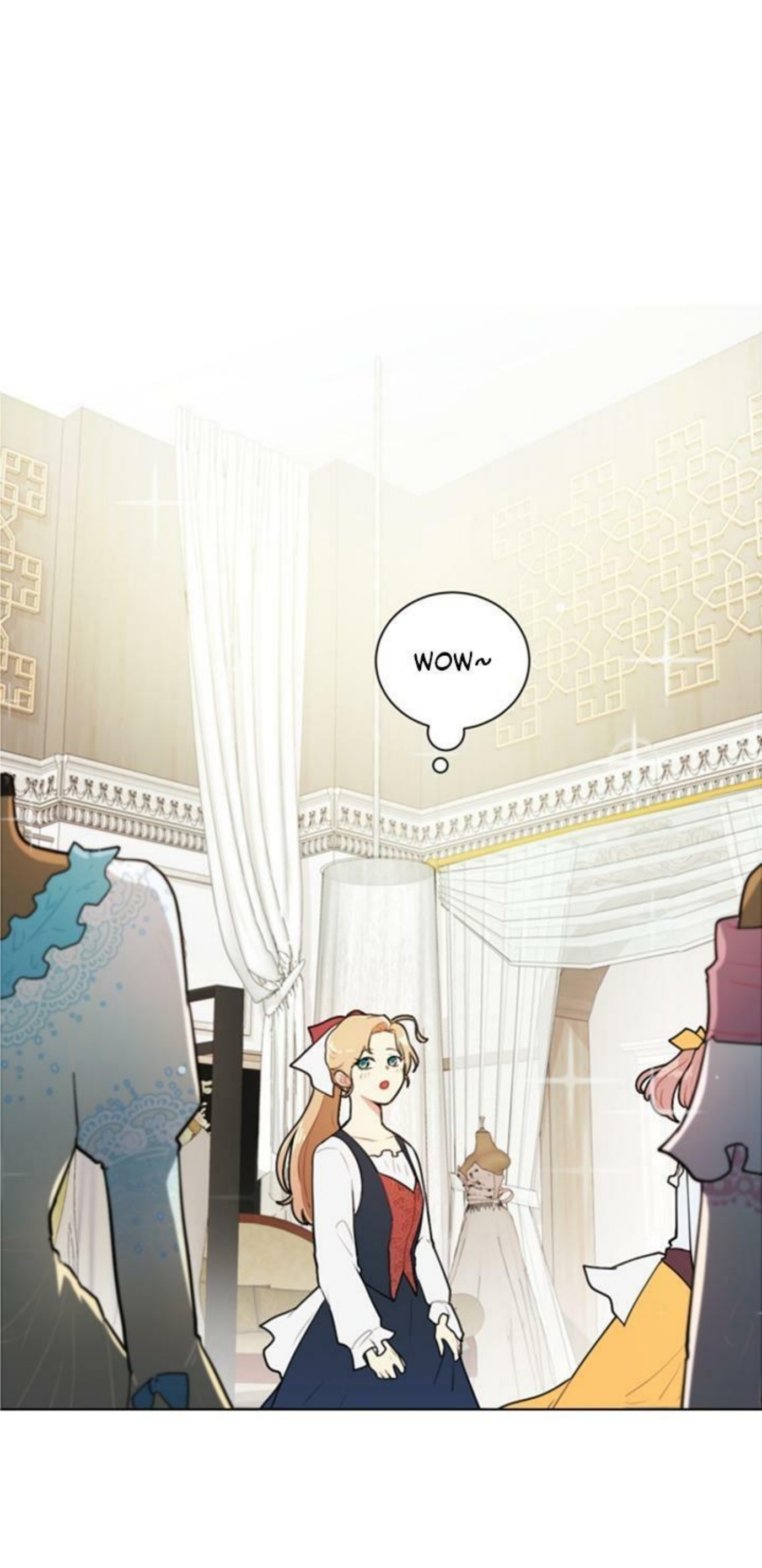
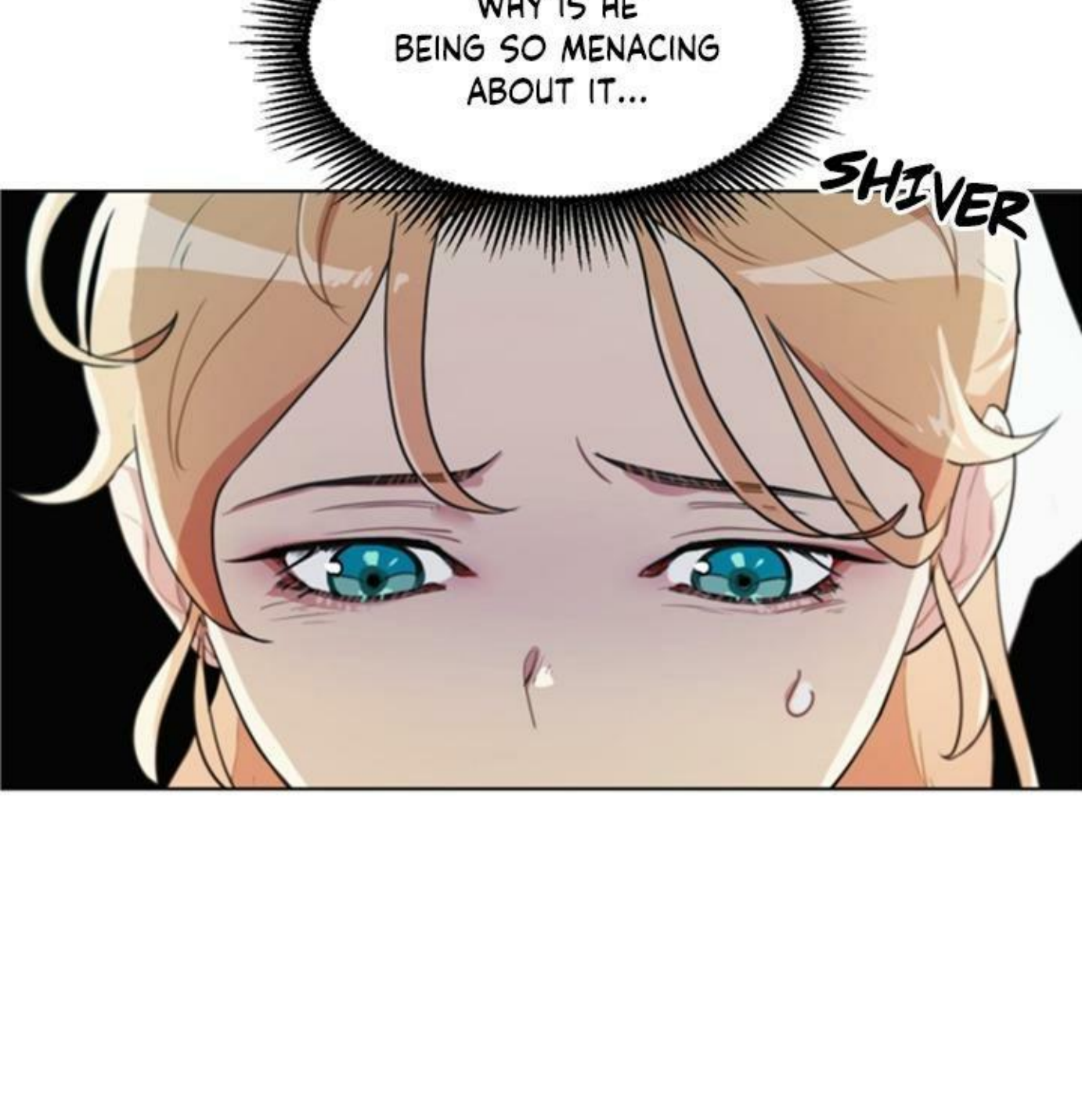
RUN AWAY

ALRIGHT,  
LIZZIE.

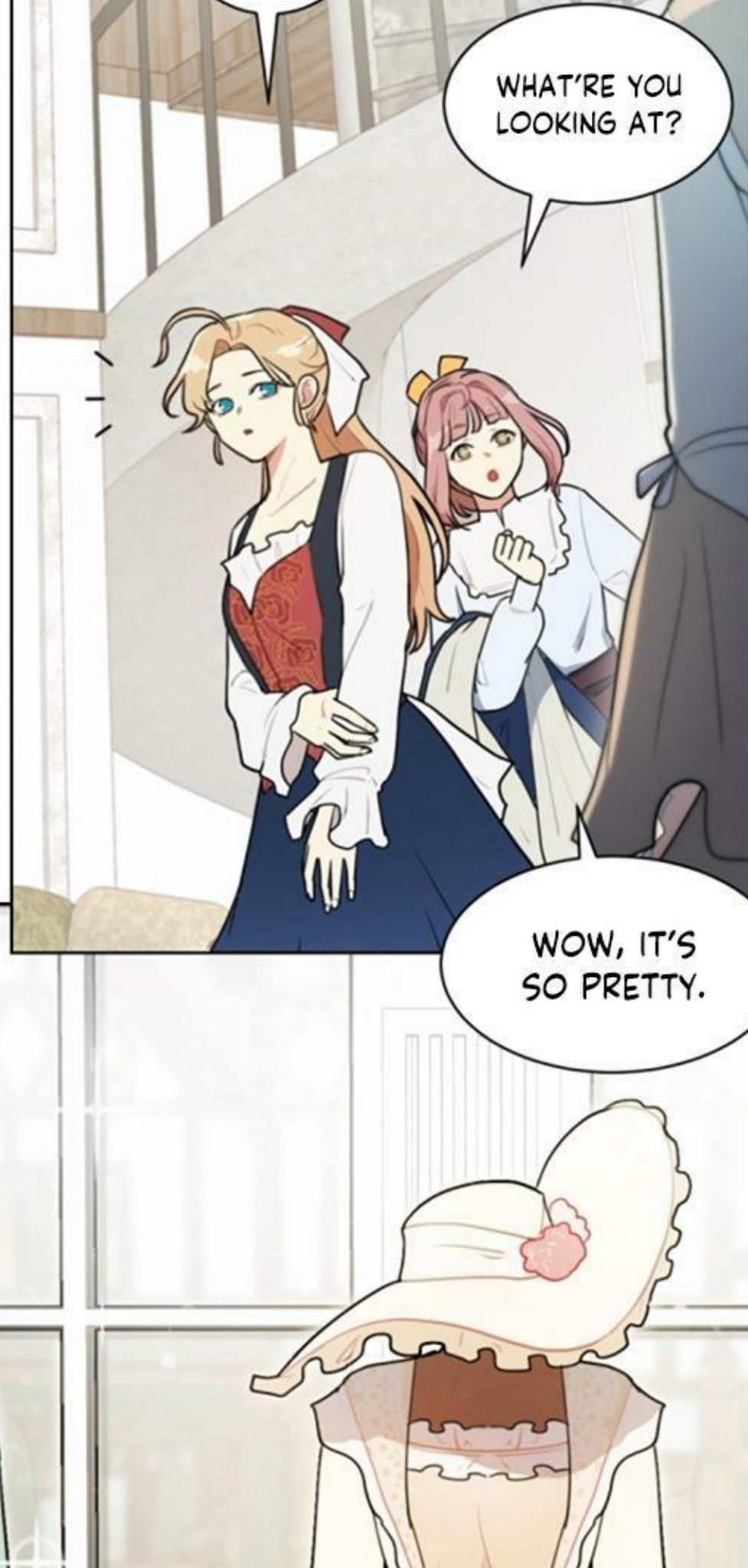
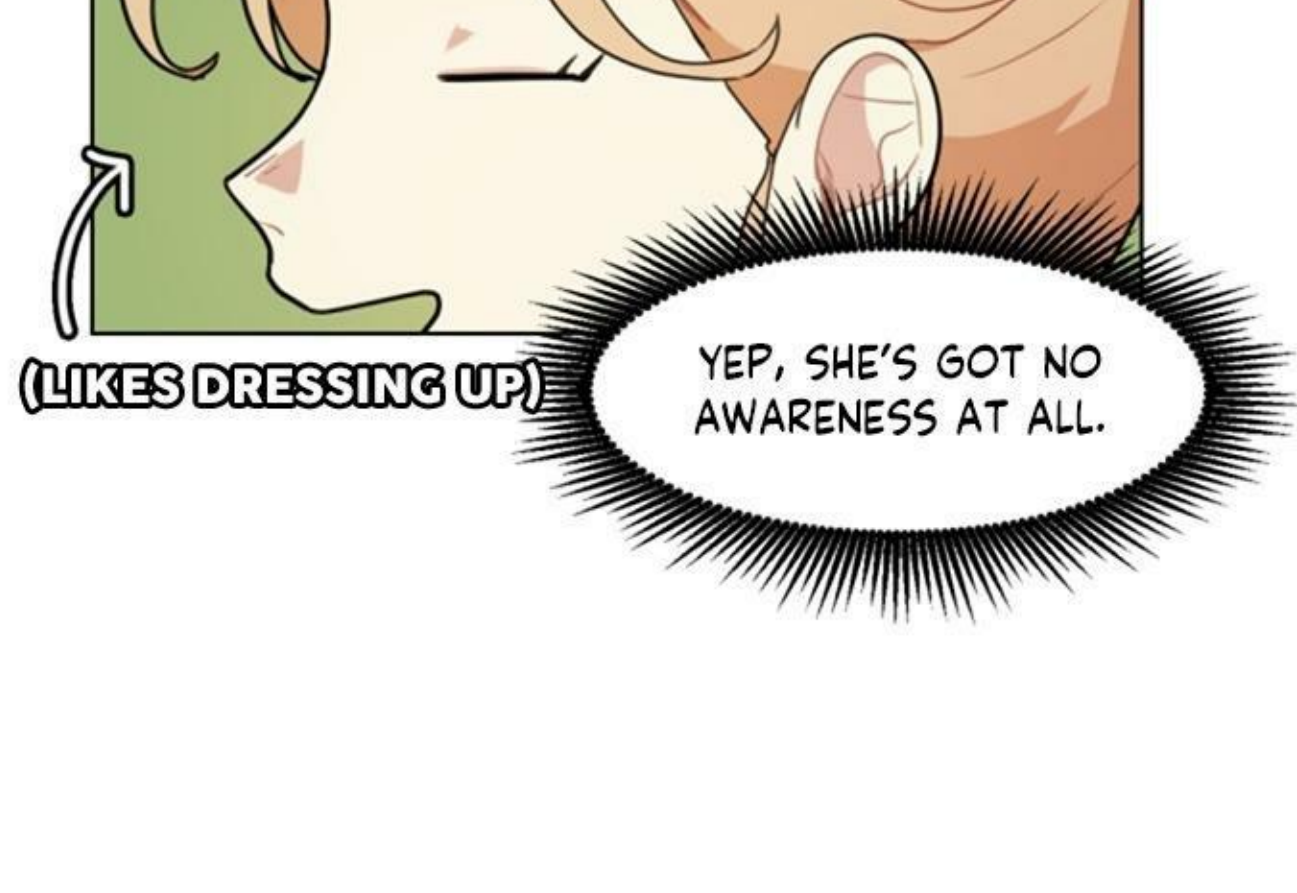
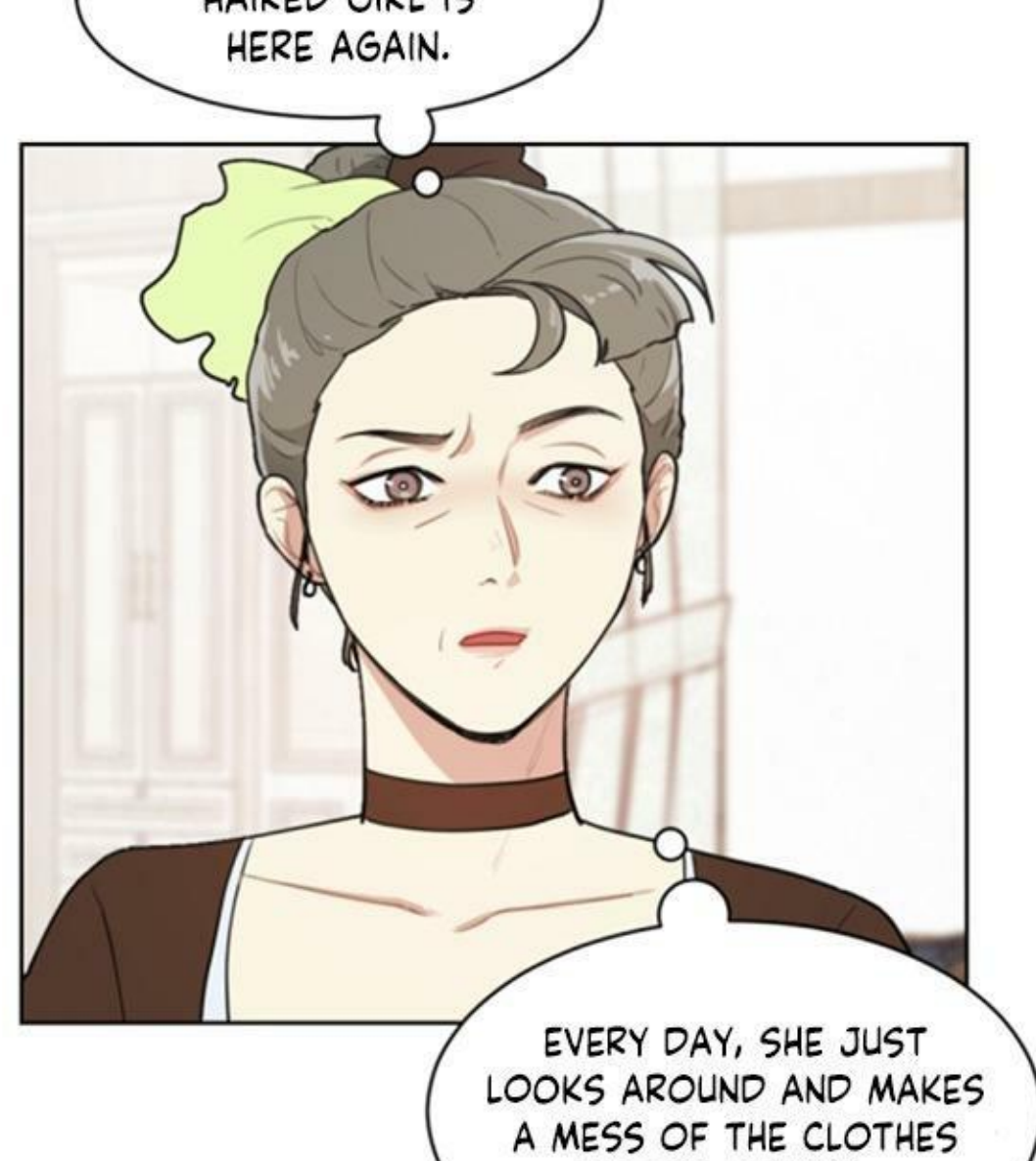
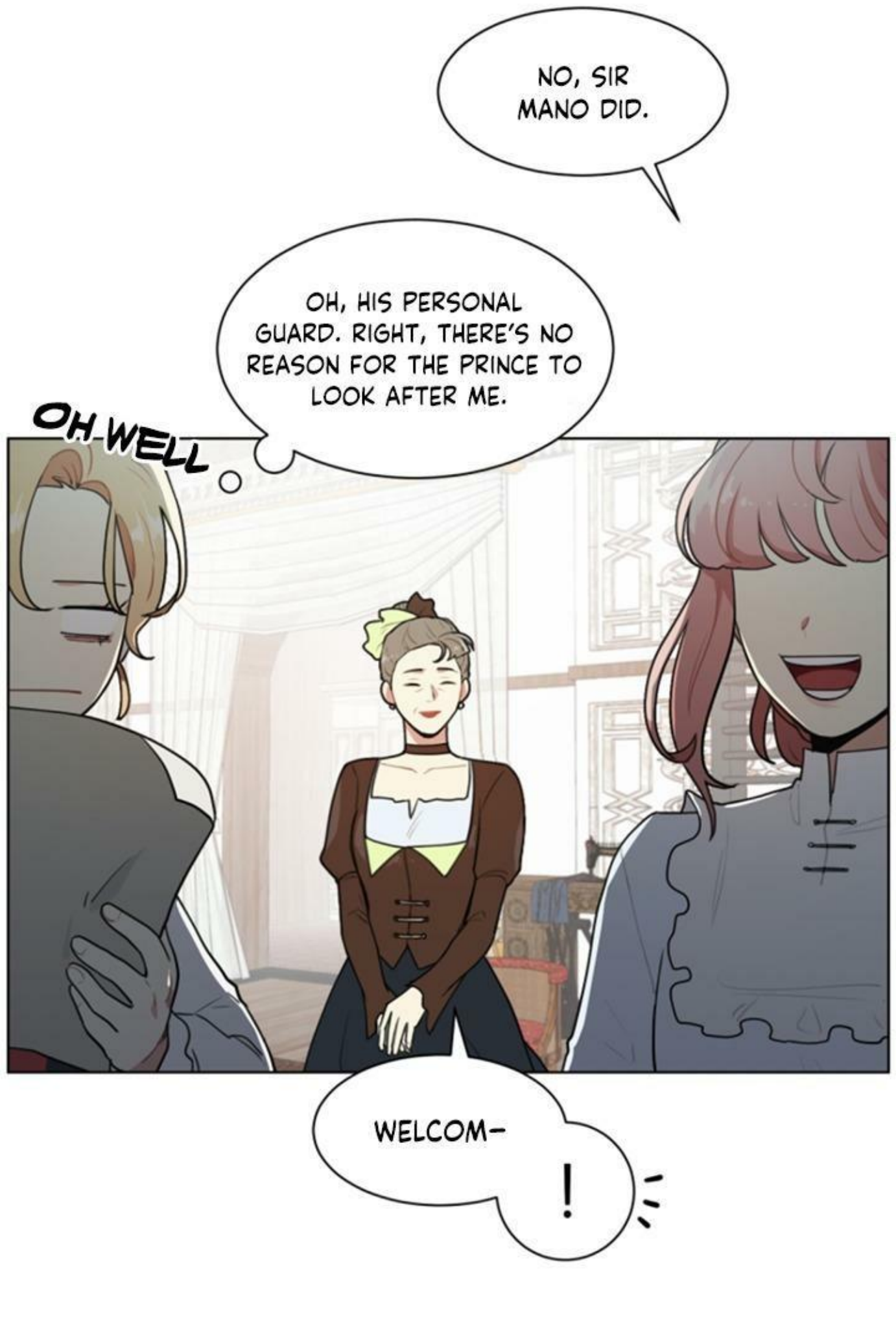
(A MEMORY WITH  
A BAD END)

HEHE.  
OH RIGHT.

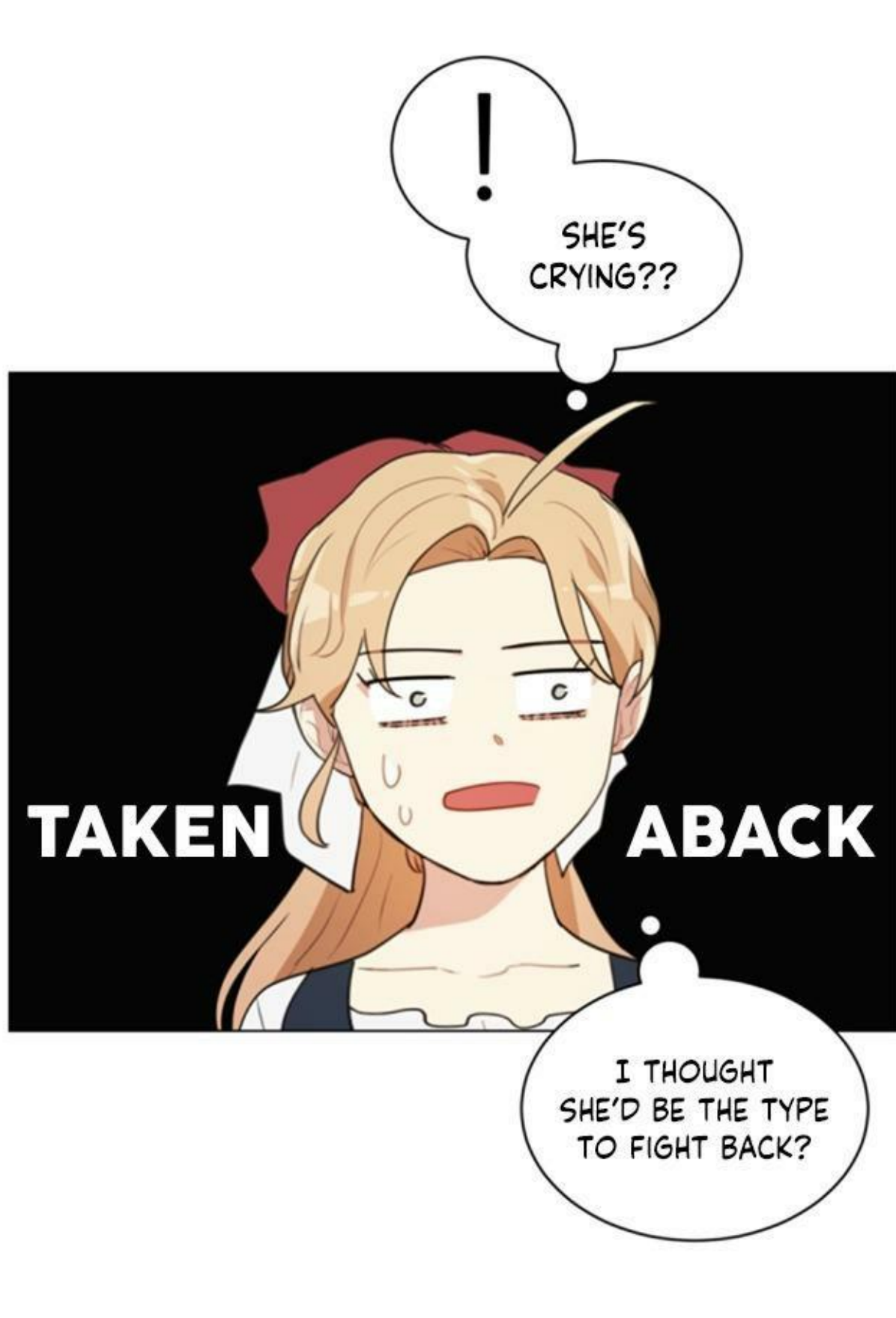
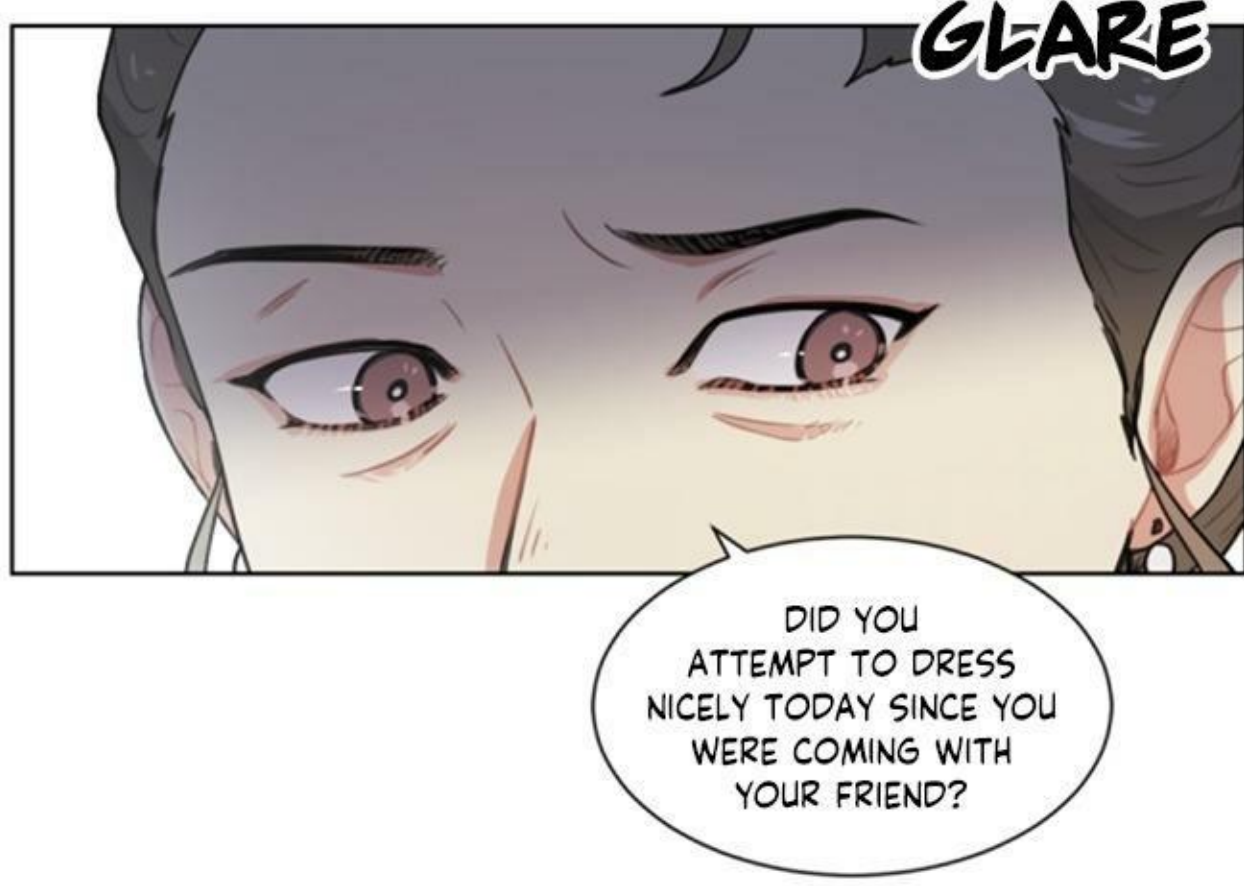
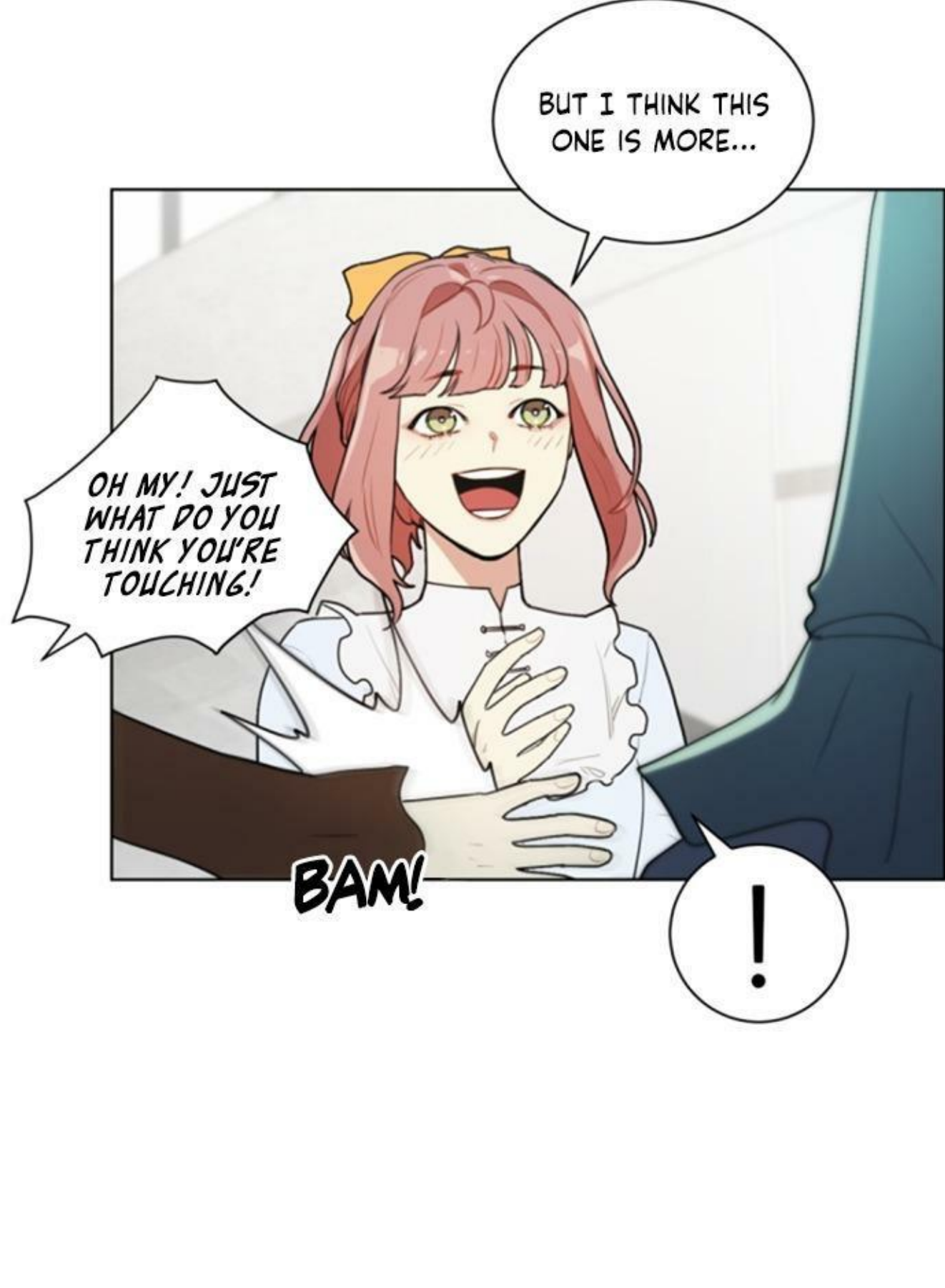
















EXCUSE ME!  
WE'LL BUY THAT WHOLE  
SET, SO PLEASE PACK  
IT UP FOR US.

ALSO,

**SURPRISE !**



JUST SO YOU  
KNOW, I'LL ALSO  
BE BUYING THIS!

**KYAAA!**

DO YOU EVEN KNOW  
HOW MUCH THAT IS!  
RECKLESSLY GRABBING  
IT LIKE THAT ...!



WHAT'RE YOU  
DOING, LIZZIE? YOU  
GRAB ONE TOO!

...?!!

**HUG!**

**KYAAA!**



THESE GIRLS,  
REALLY!



I'LL BE WEARING  
THIS OUT, SO PLEASE  
SEND THE REST HERE.

?



T- THIS IS...

DUKE RAYBURN  
ESPELINDO'S  
SIGNATURE...?

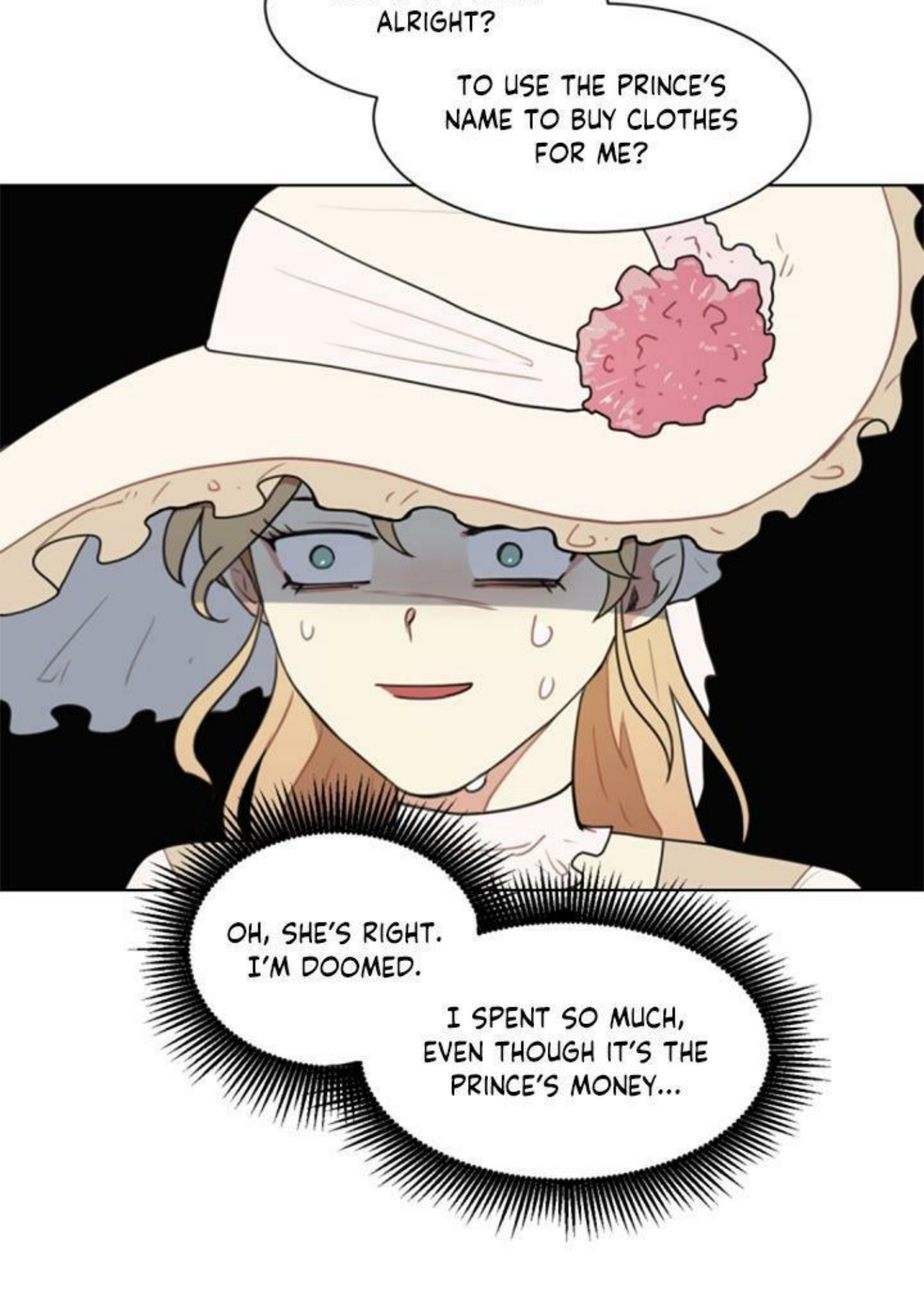
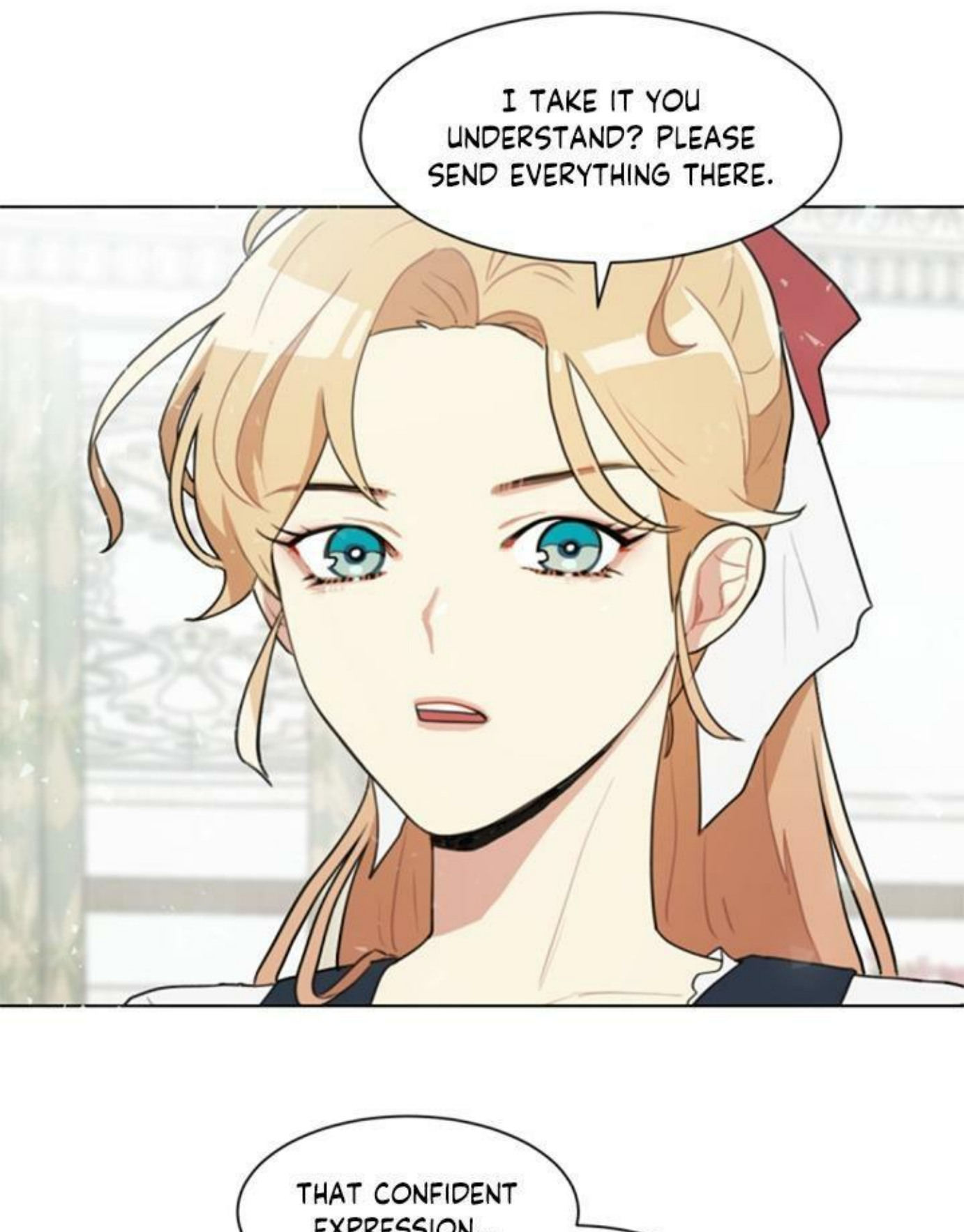


I'M A  
SCHOLAR AT THE  
DUKE'S RESIDENCE.

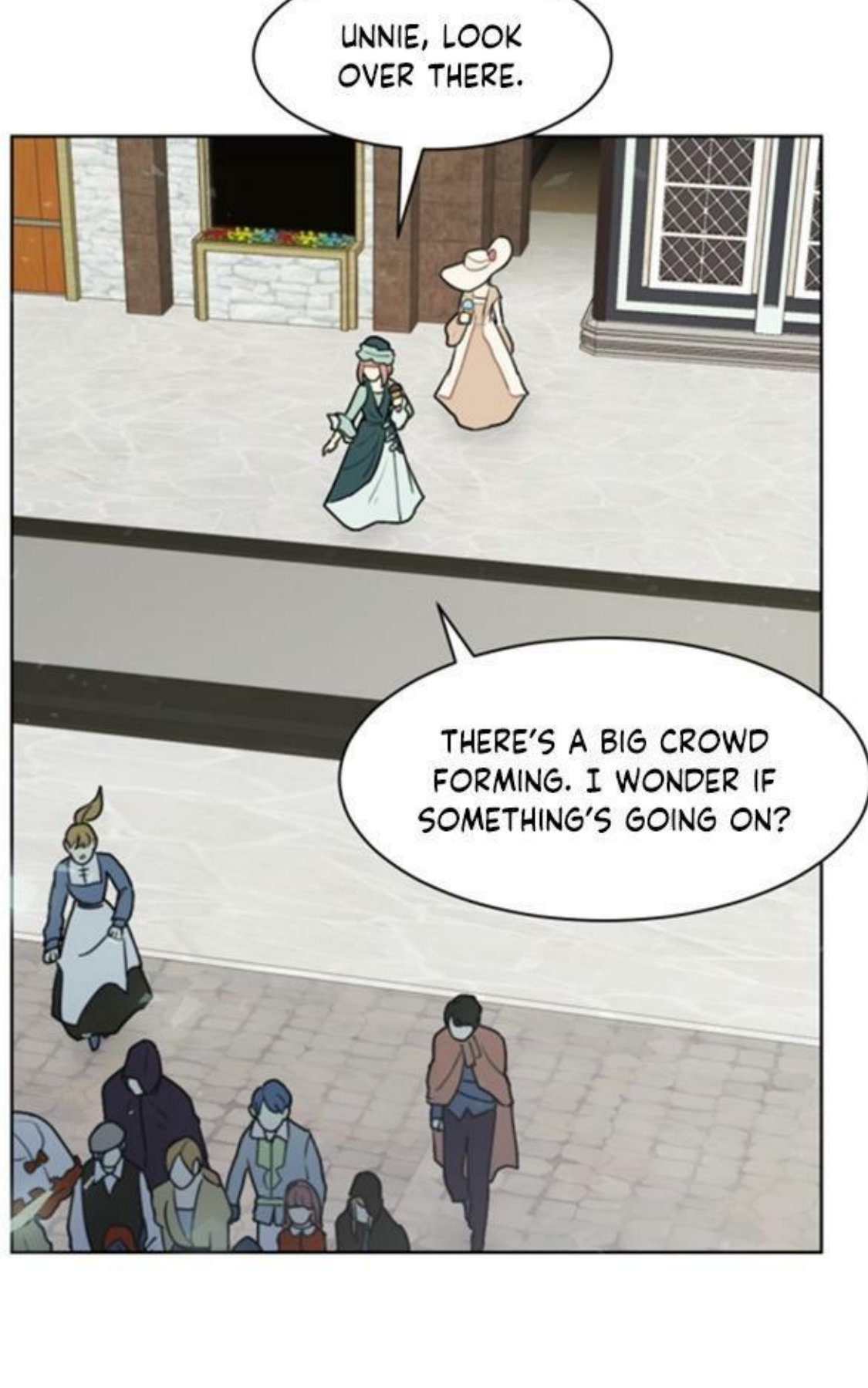
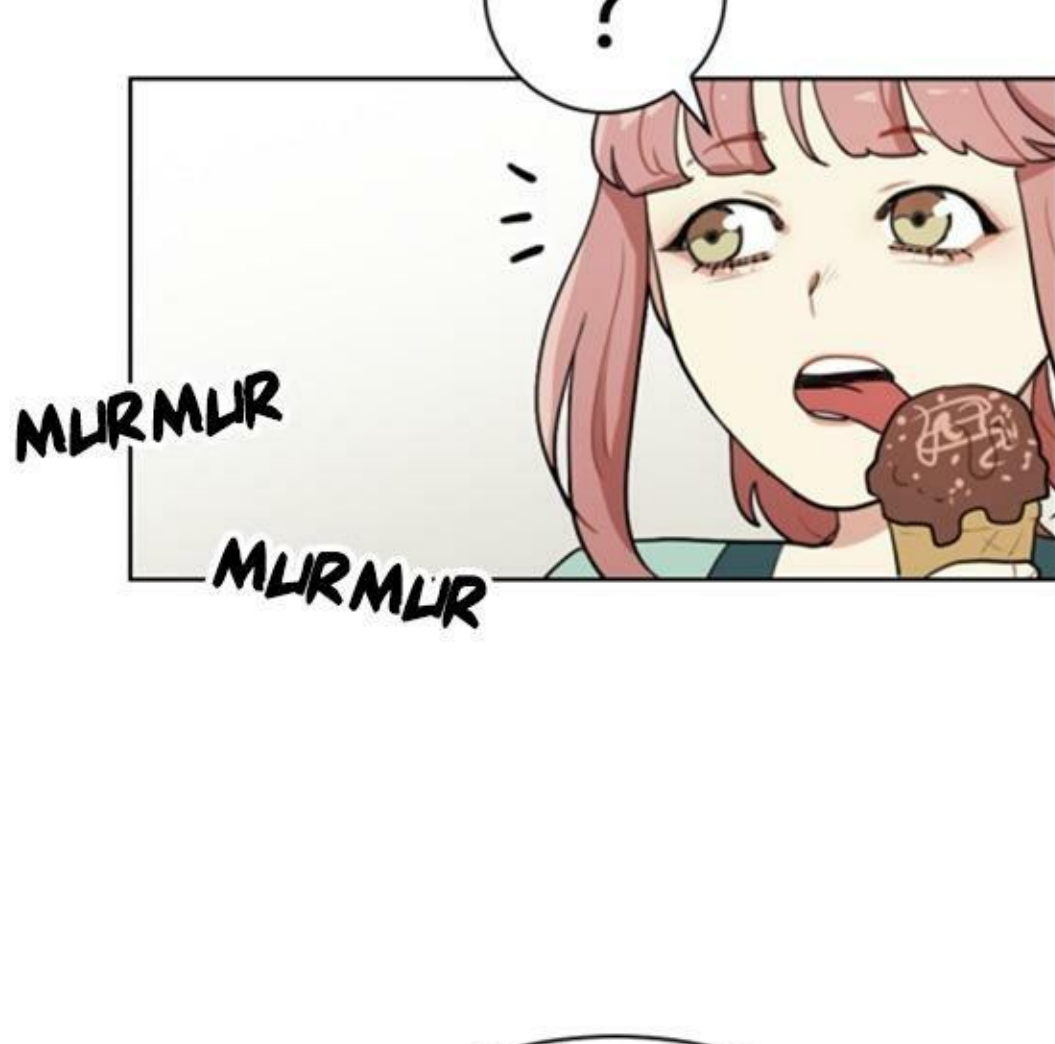
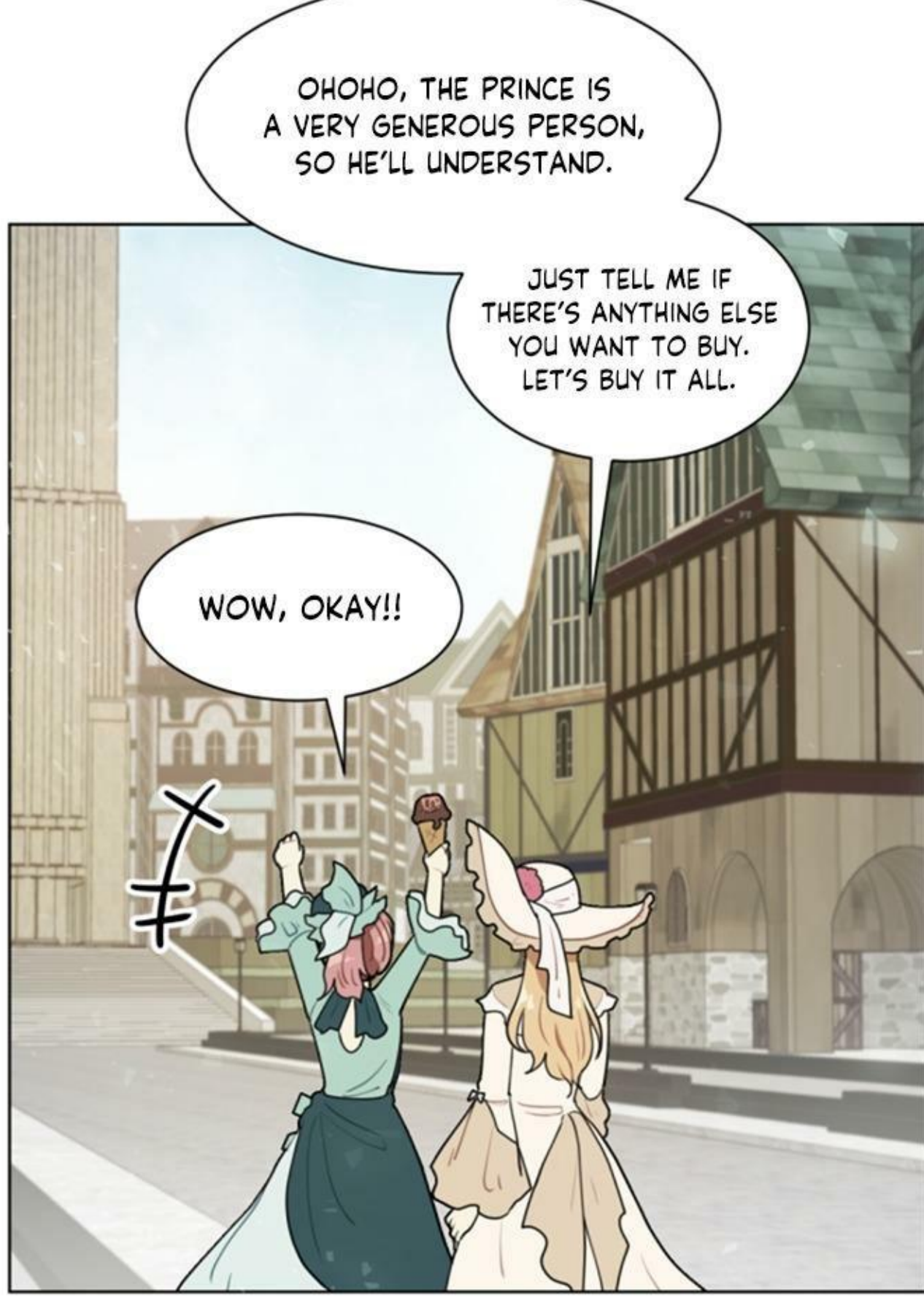
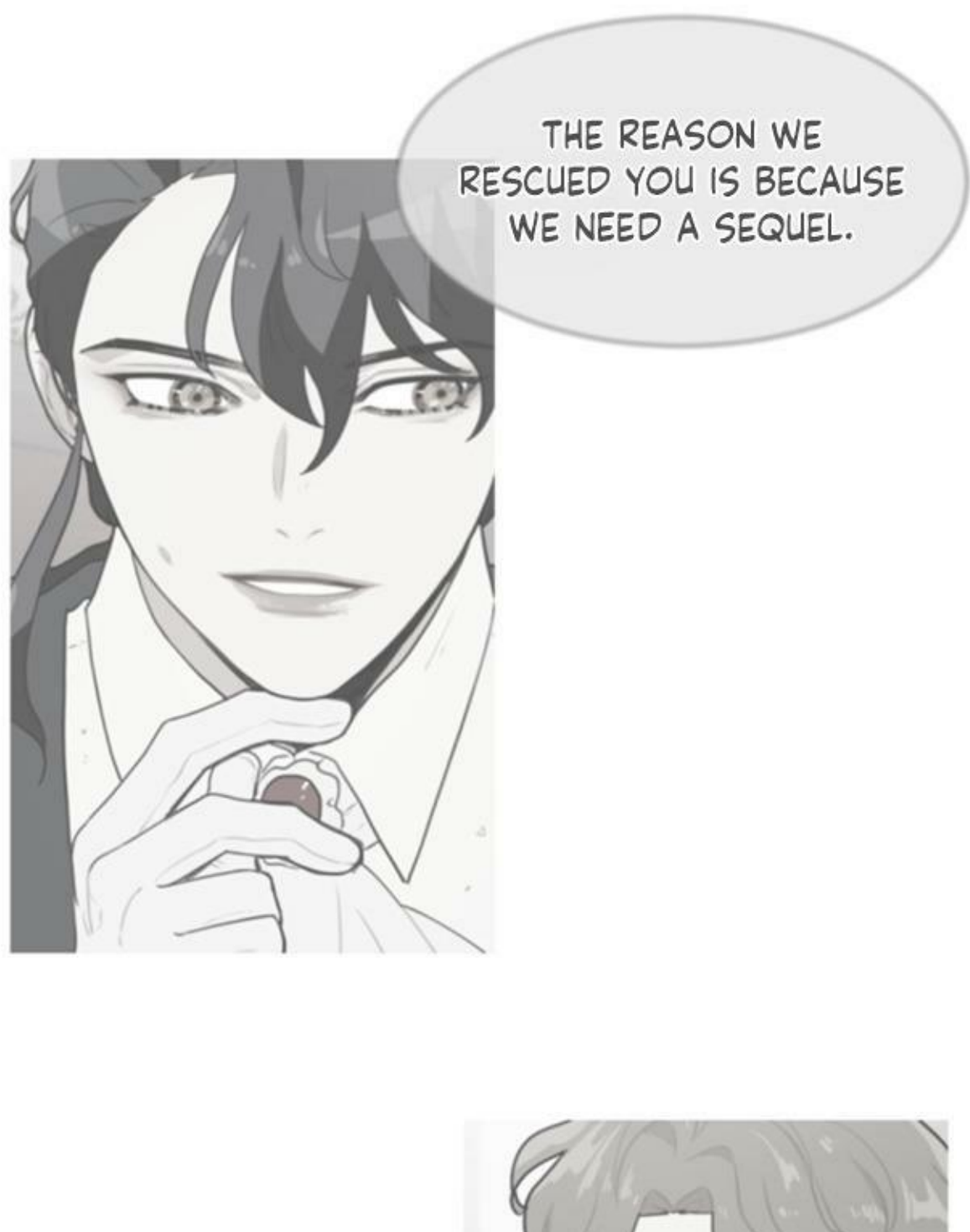
I TRAVELED HERE ON  
SHORT NOTICE, SO I DIDN'T  
HAVE TIME TO PREPARE  
ANY CLOTHES,

BUT I NEVER  
THOUGHT I'D HEAR SUCH  
DISRESPECT HERE.





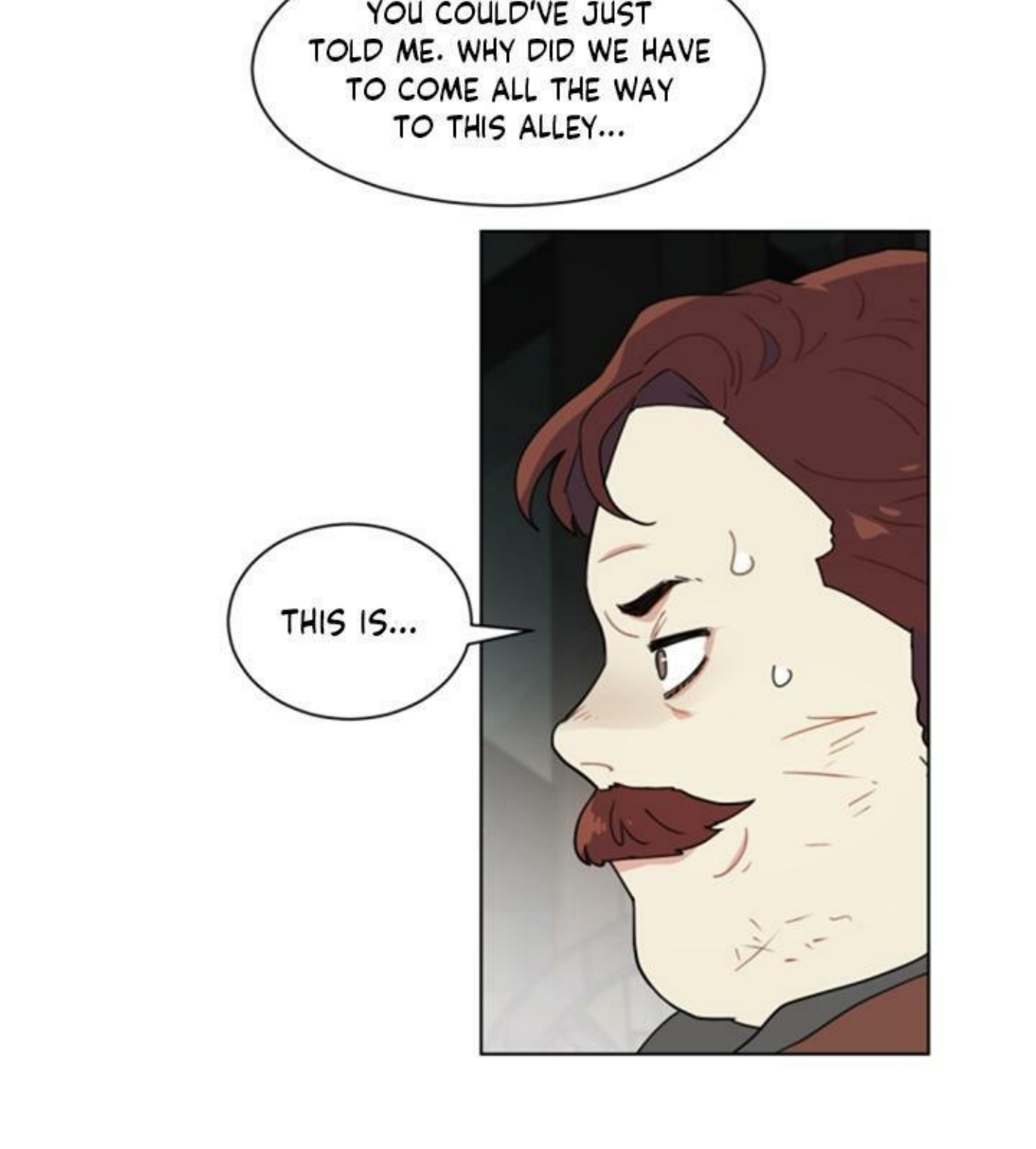
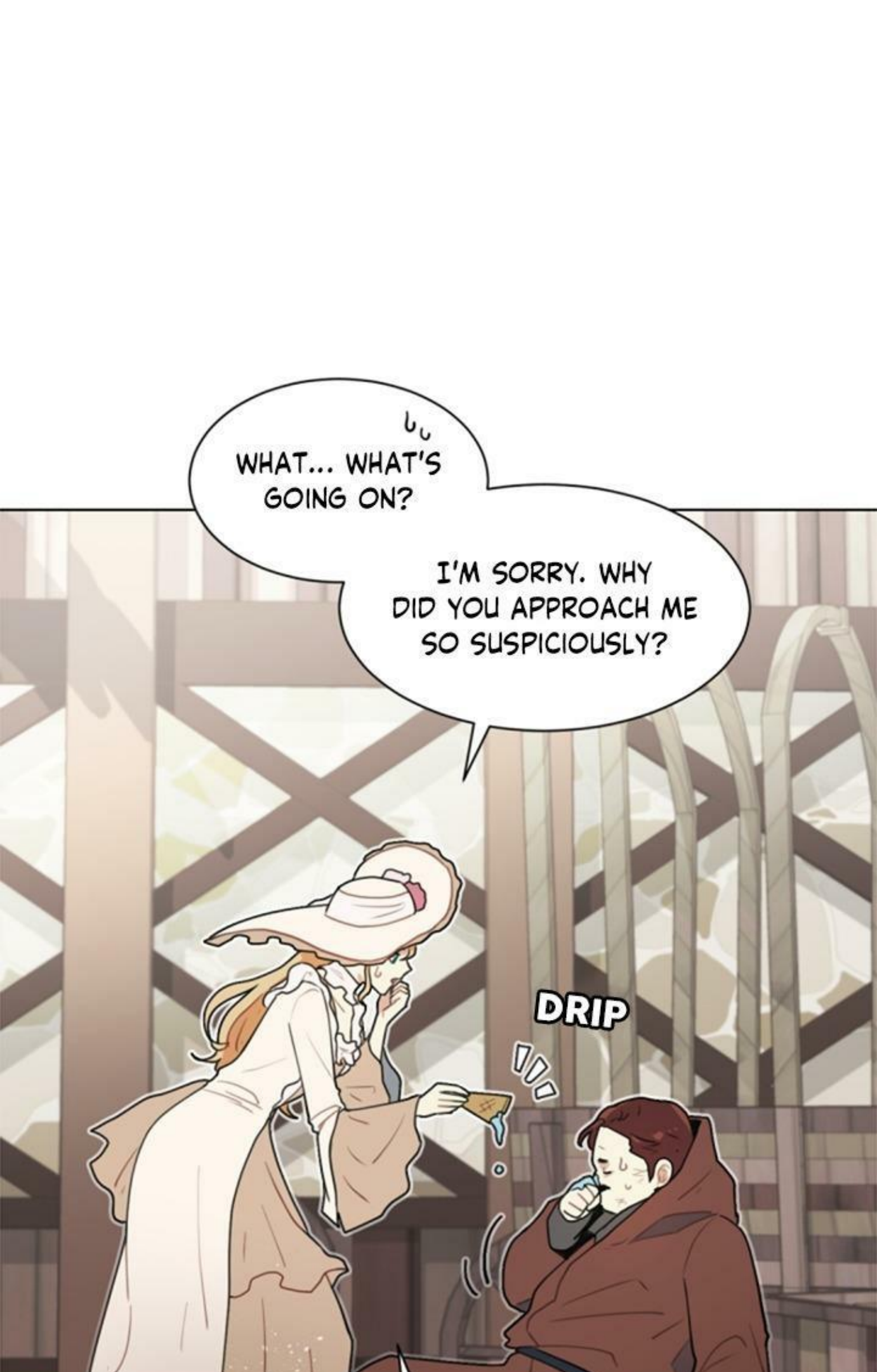
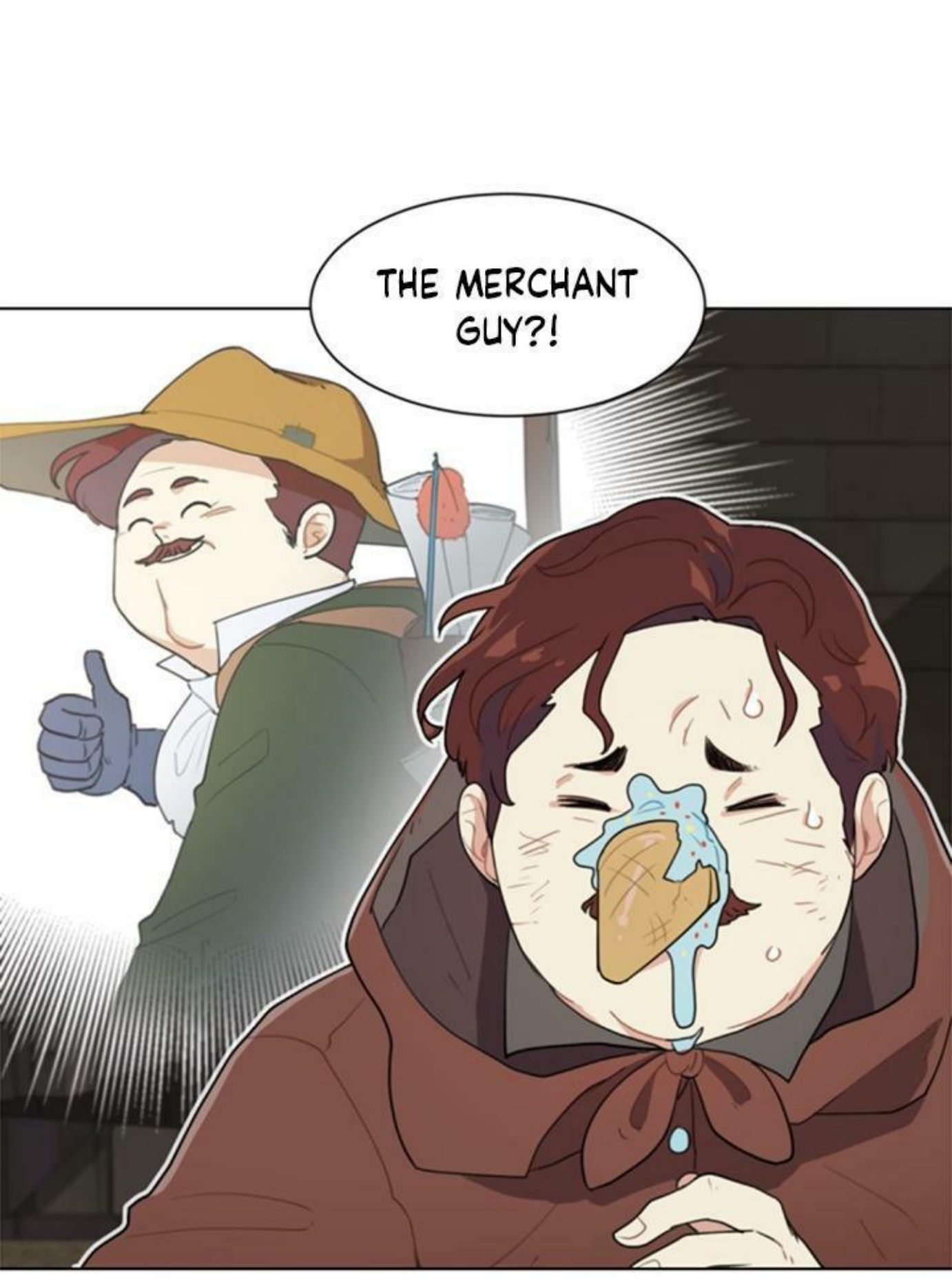
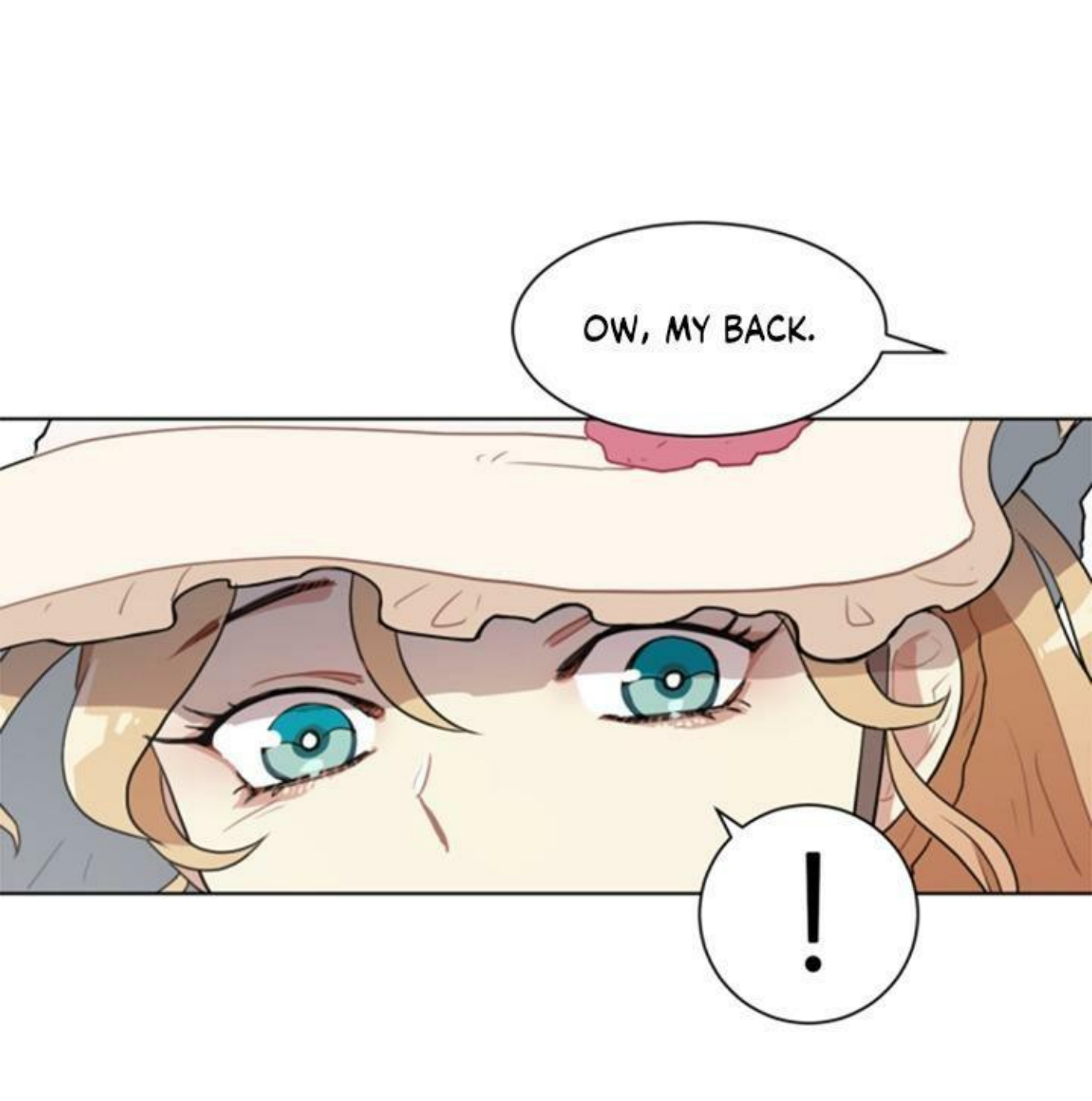




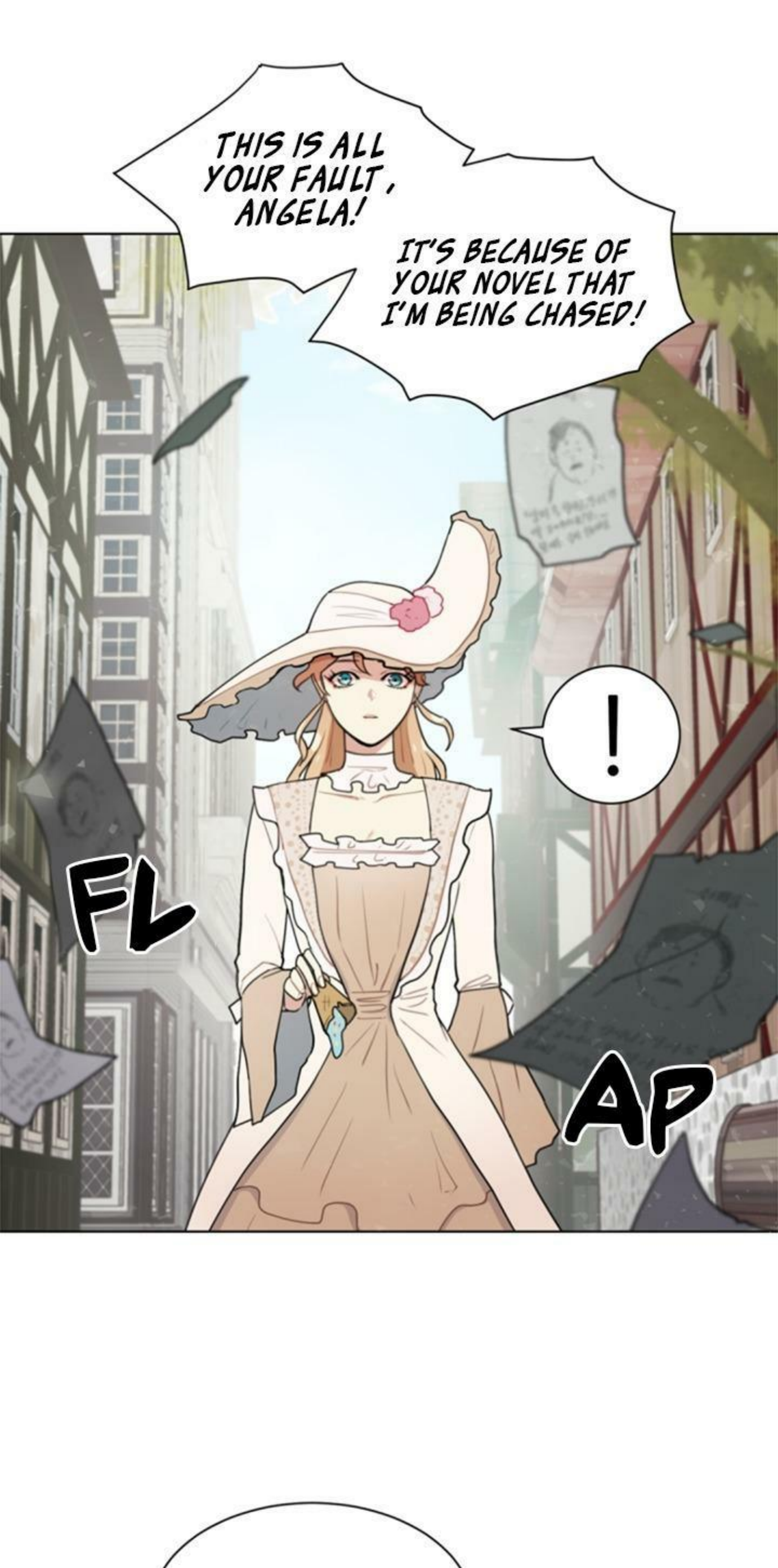












THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT, ANGELA!

IT'S BECAUSE OF YOUR NOVEL THAT I'M BEING CHASED!

!

FL

AP

I'M BEING MISTAKEN AS THE AUTHOR!

I KEEP RIPPING OFF SO MANY WANTED POSTERS, BUT THERE'S NO END TO THEM, DAMN IT!

? WHAT'S THIS.



GLARE

I'M THE ONE WITH SOMETHING TO ASK. WHY IN THE WORLD DO THOSE BOOKS EXIST?

HOW COULD YOU GO AND SELL MY WORK WITHOUT MY PERMISSION?

TH- THAT'S...!



BECAUSE OF YOU, MY CIRCUMSTANCES ARE COMPLICATED NOW TOO!

IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT YOU'RE WANTED, BUT YOU DUG YOUR OWN GRAVE.

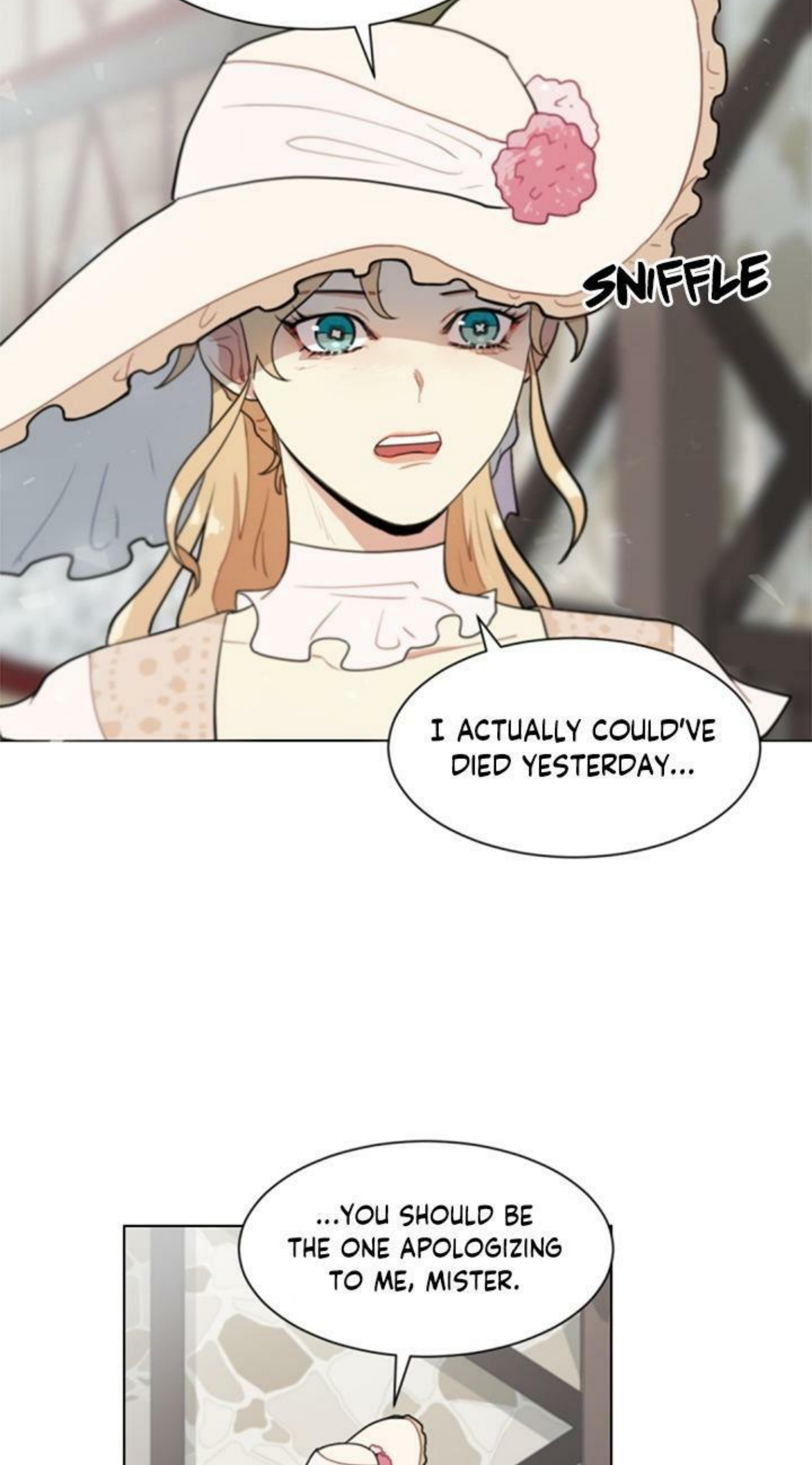
UGH...



AND WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO ABOUT THE THREATS COMING AFTER ME?!

SNIFFLE

I ACTUALLY COULD'VE DIED YESTERDAY...

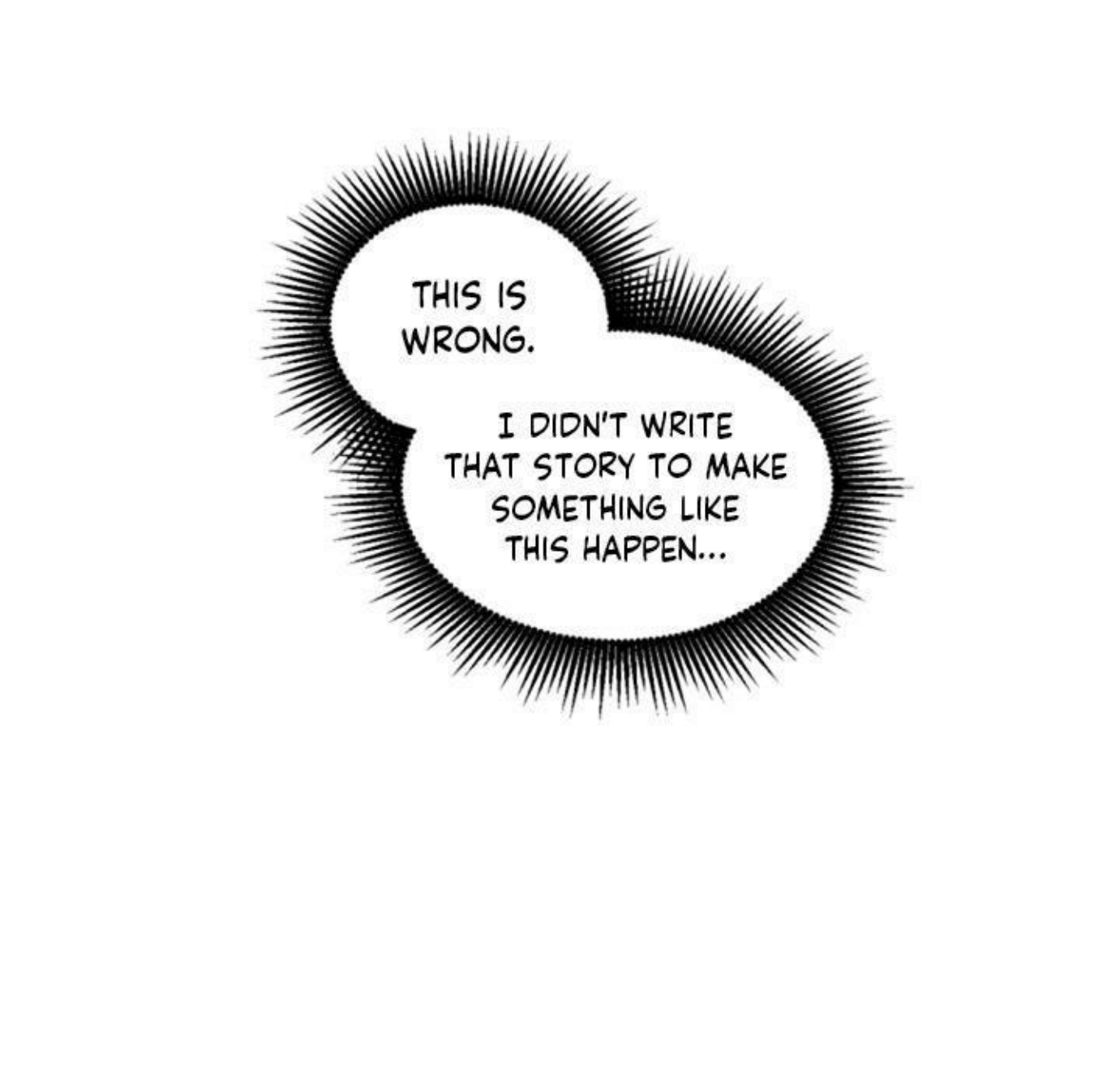
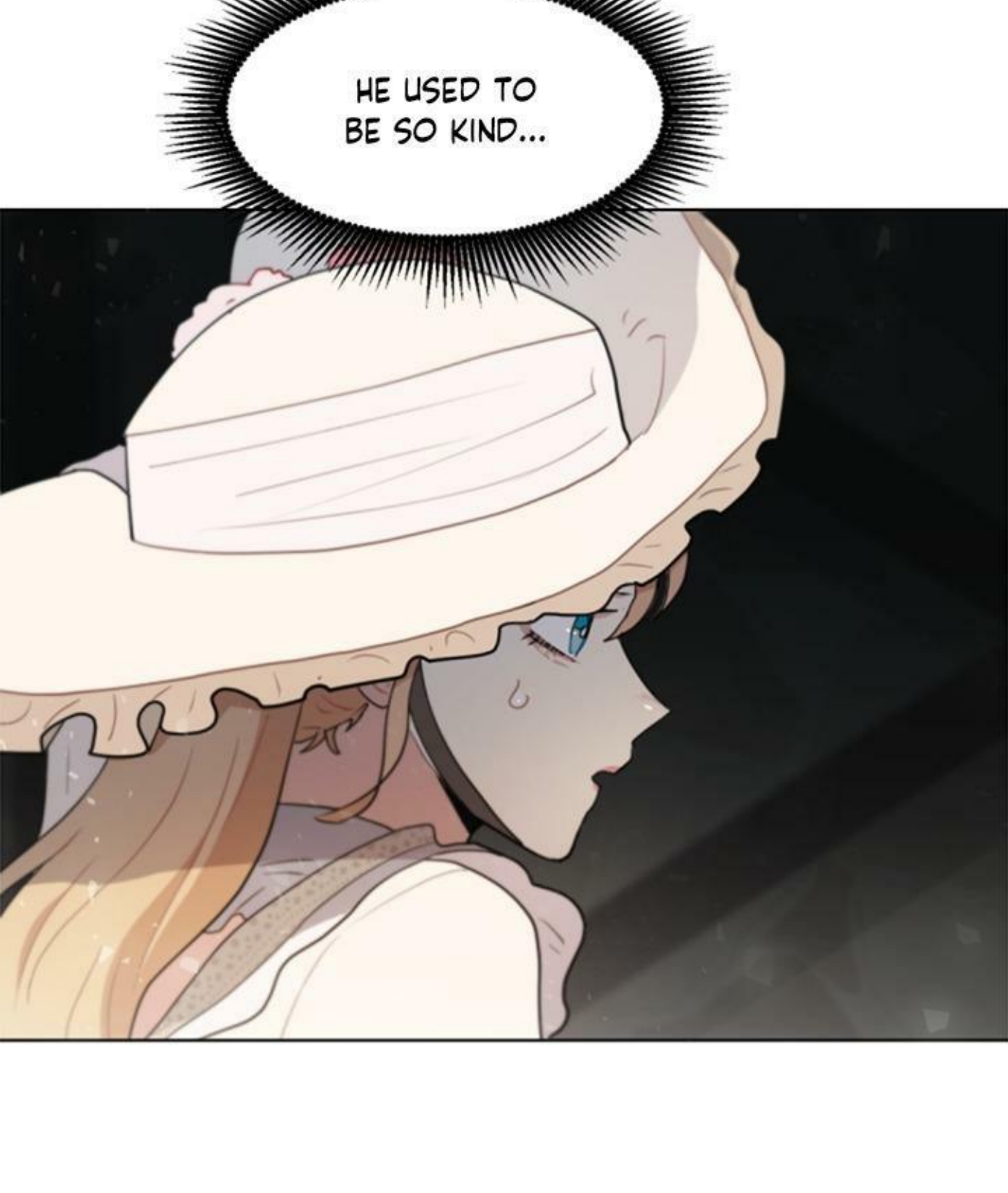
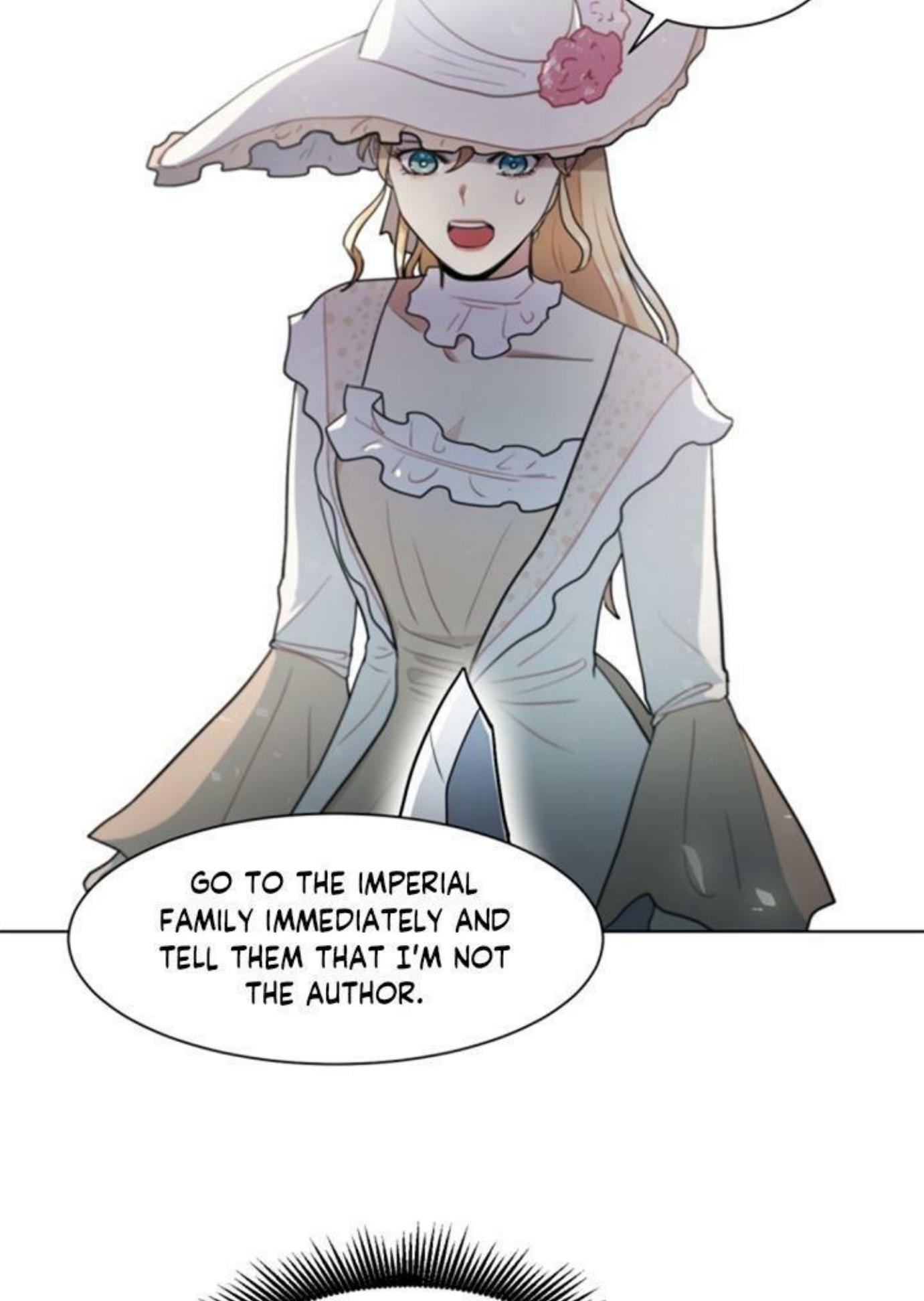


...YOU SHOULD BE THE ONE APOLOGIZING TO ME, MISTER.

SNIFF









OVER  
HERE!



THE MAN WANTED FOR WRITING  
THE NOVEL IS OVER HERE!!

UH. ॆ



WHERE ARE YOU, UNNTE!



THE AUTHOR  
WHO WROTE

"THE PRINCE IN THE  
ROSE" IS HERE!



...THE AUTHOR?

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HE'S THE  
AUTHOR

OF "THE PRINCE  
IN THE ROSE"?

WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING?!  
SEIZE HIM!

Y-YES!

YEAH, HE LOOKS  
JUST LIKE THE GUY  
ON THE WANTED  
POSTER.

CHATTER

OH NO.

DAMN IT, I  
HAVE TO RUN  
FOR NOW...

EXCUSE ME!

GRAB

ARGH!

PLEASE  
SIGN THIS.

ME TOO!

...WHAT??

I'M YOUR  
FAN, AUTHOR!

WOAH, IT'S  
REALLY THE  
AUTHOR!

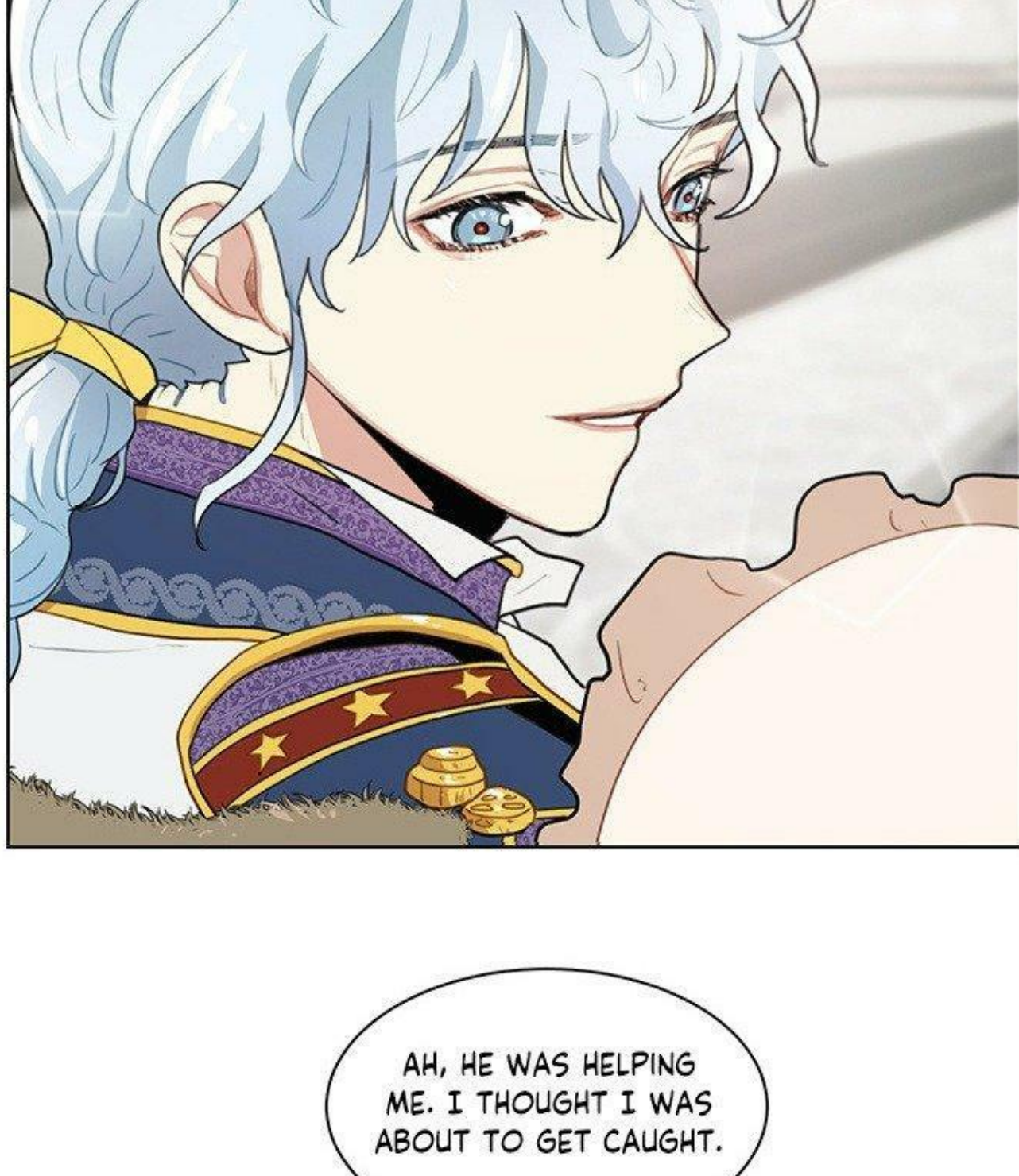
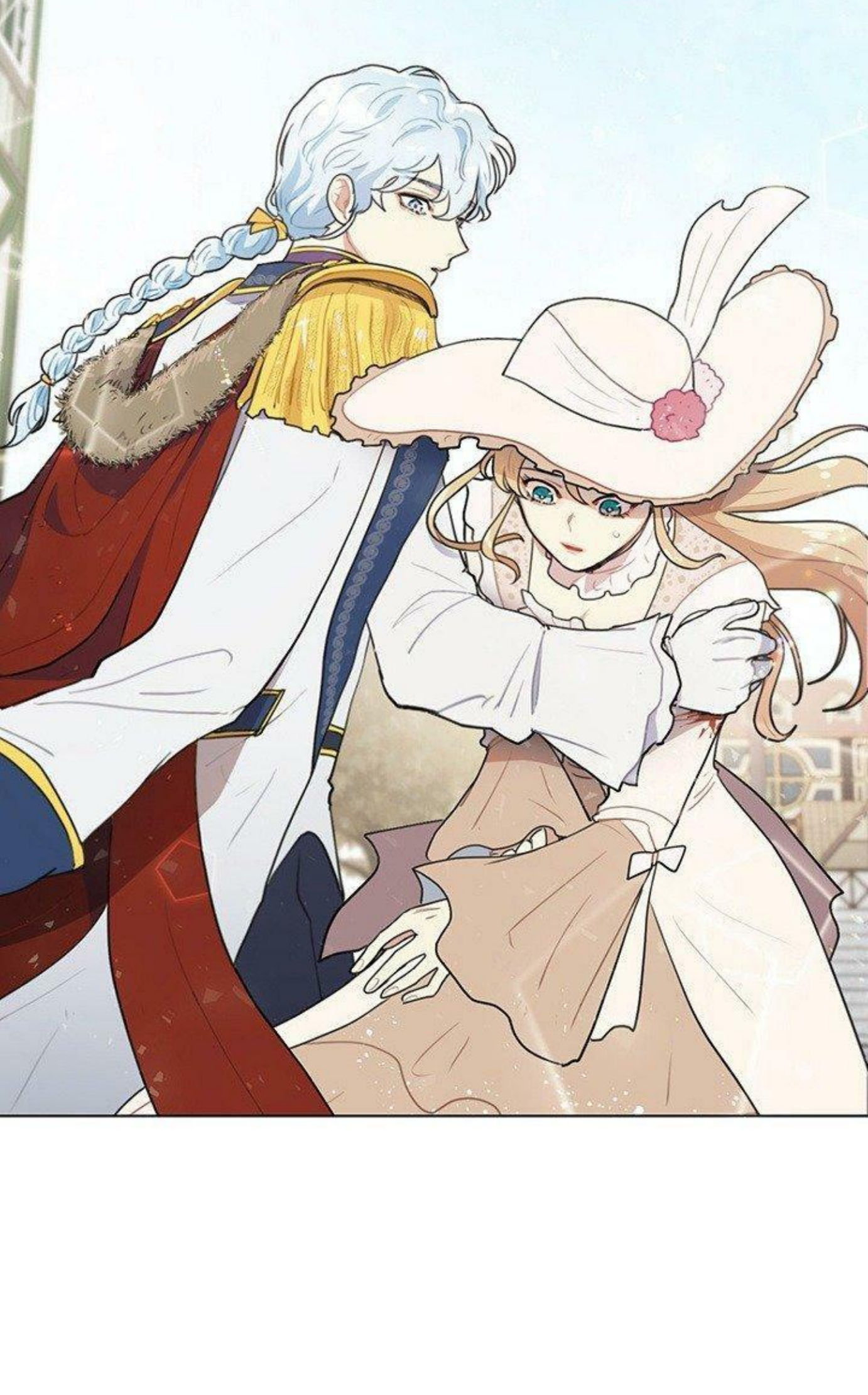
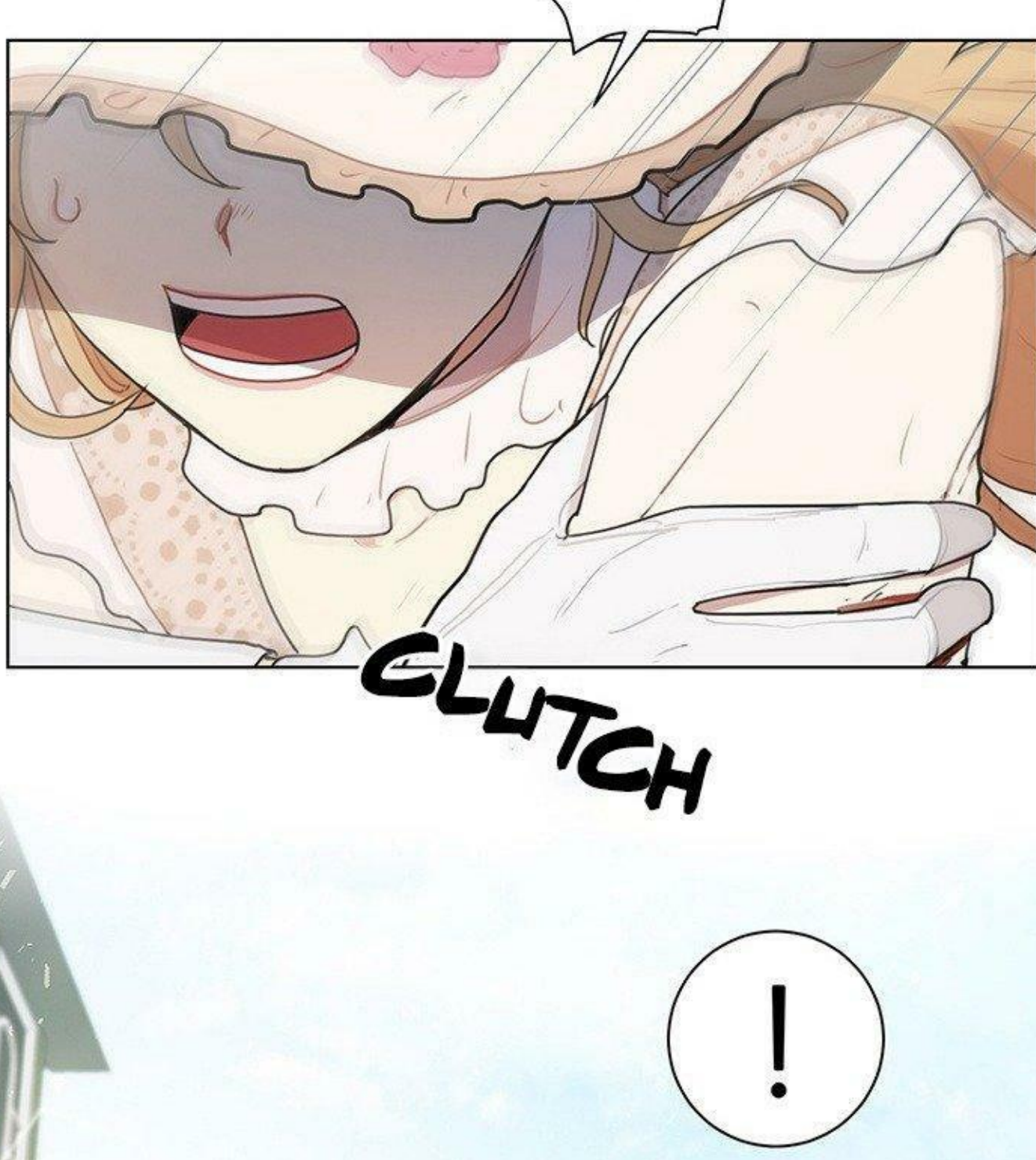
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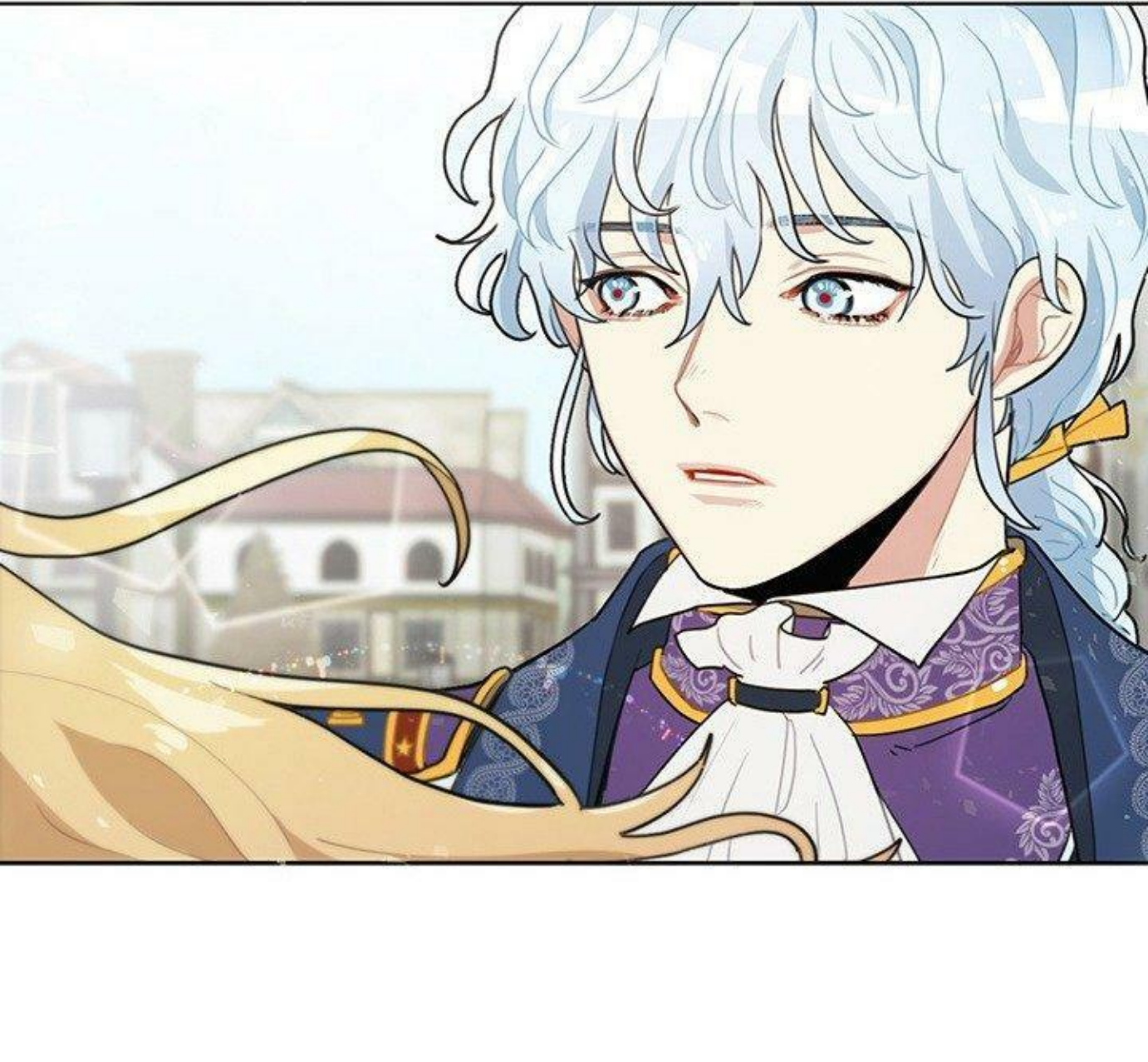
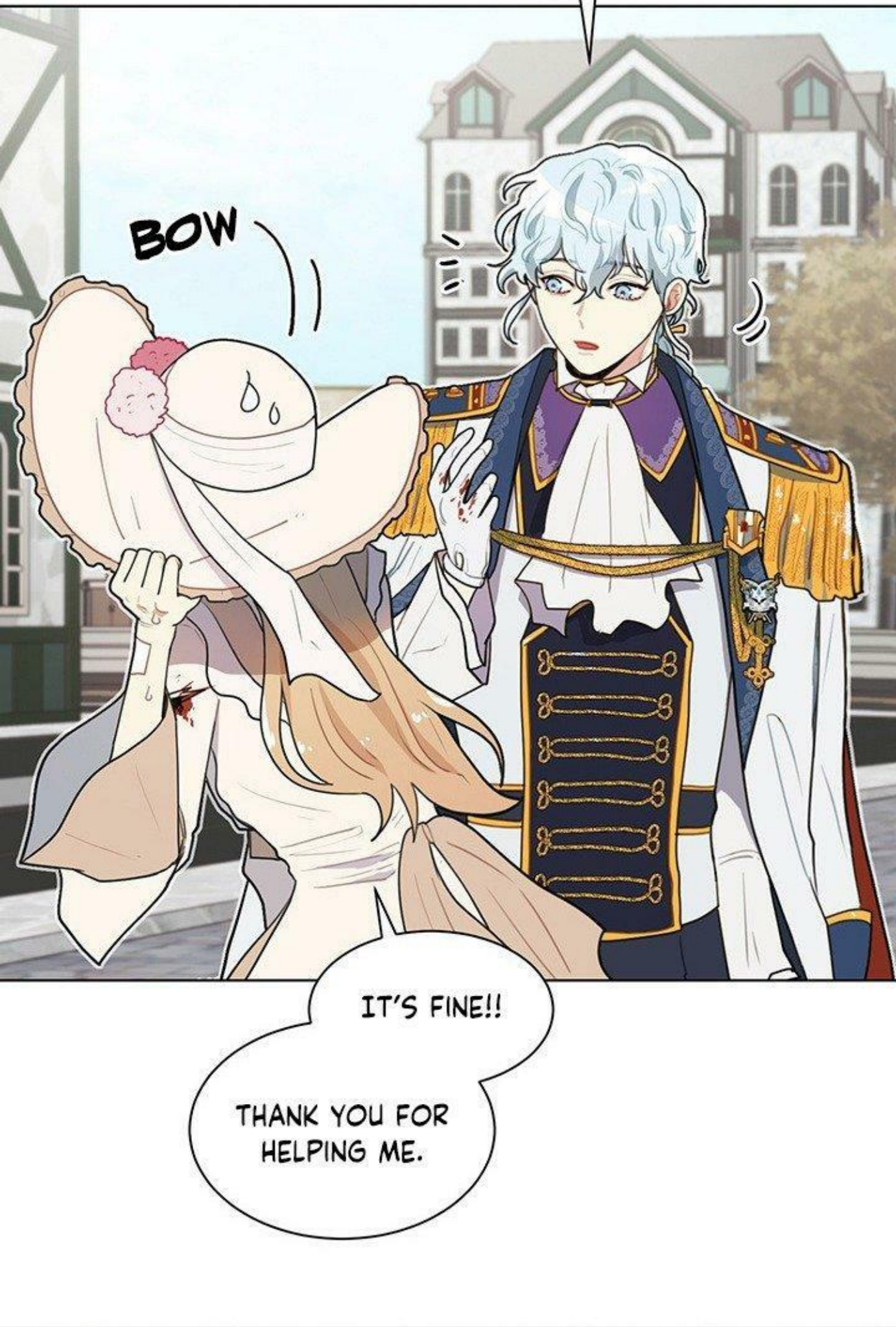
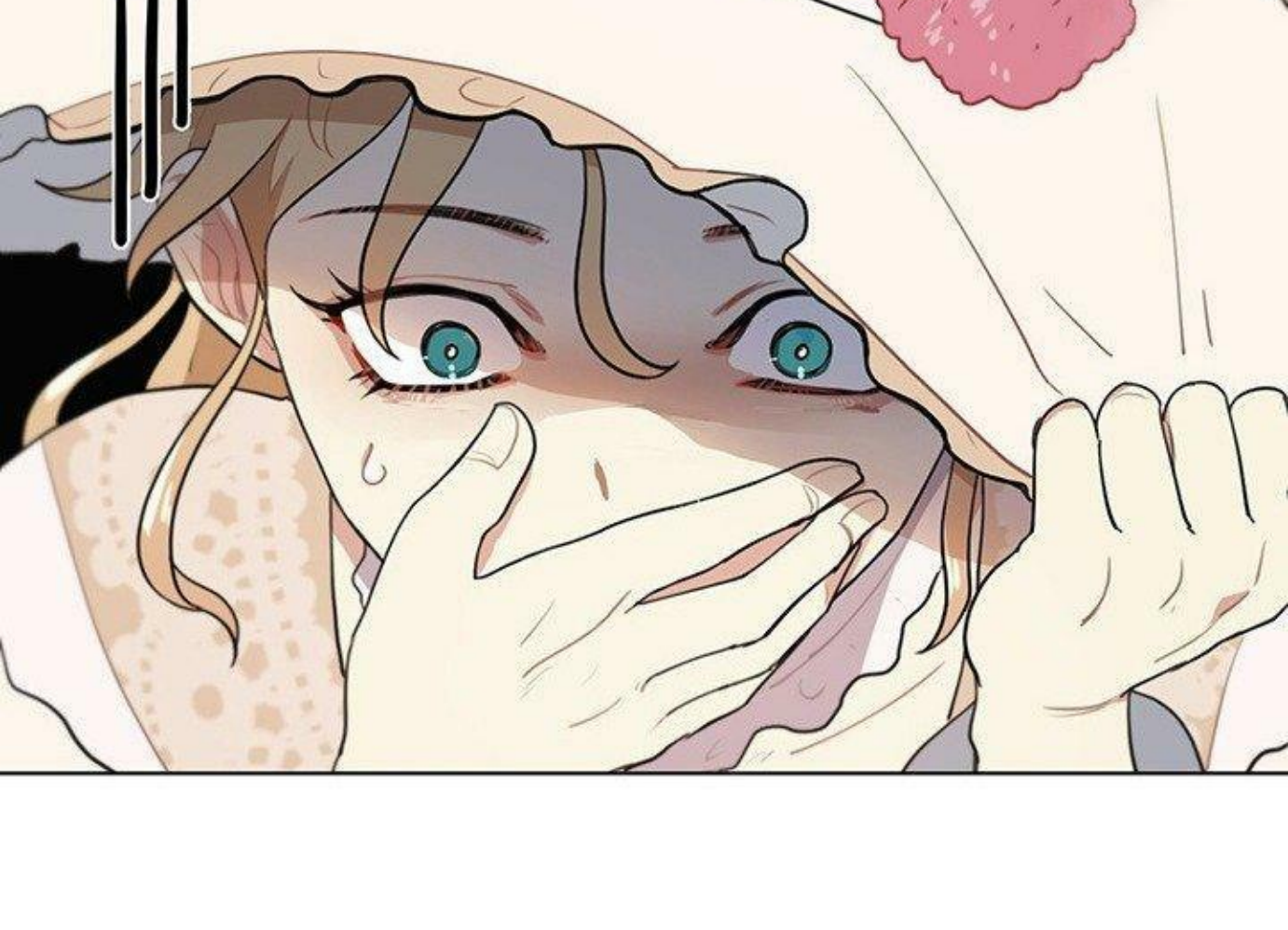
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LET GO OF ME!  
I'M NOT THE  
AUTHOR!









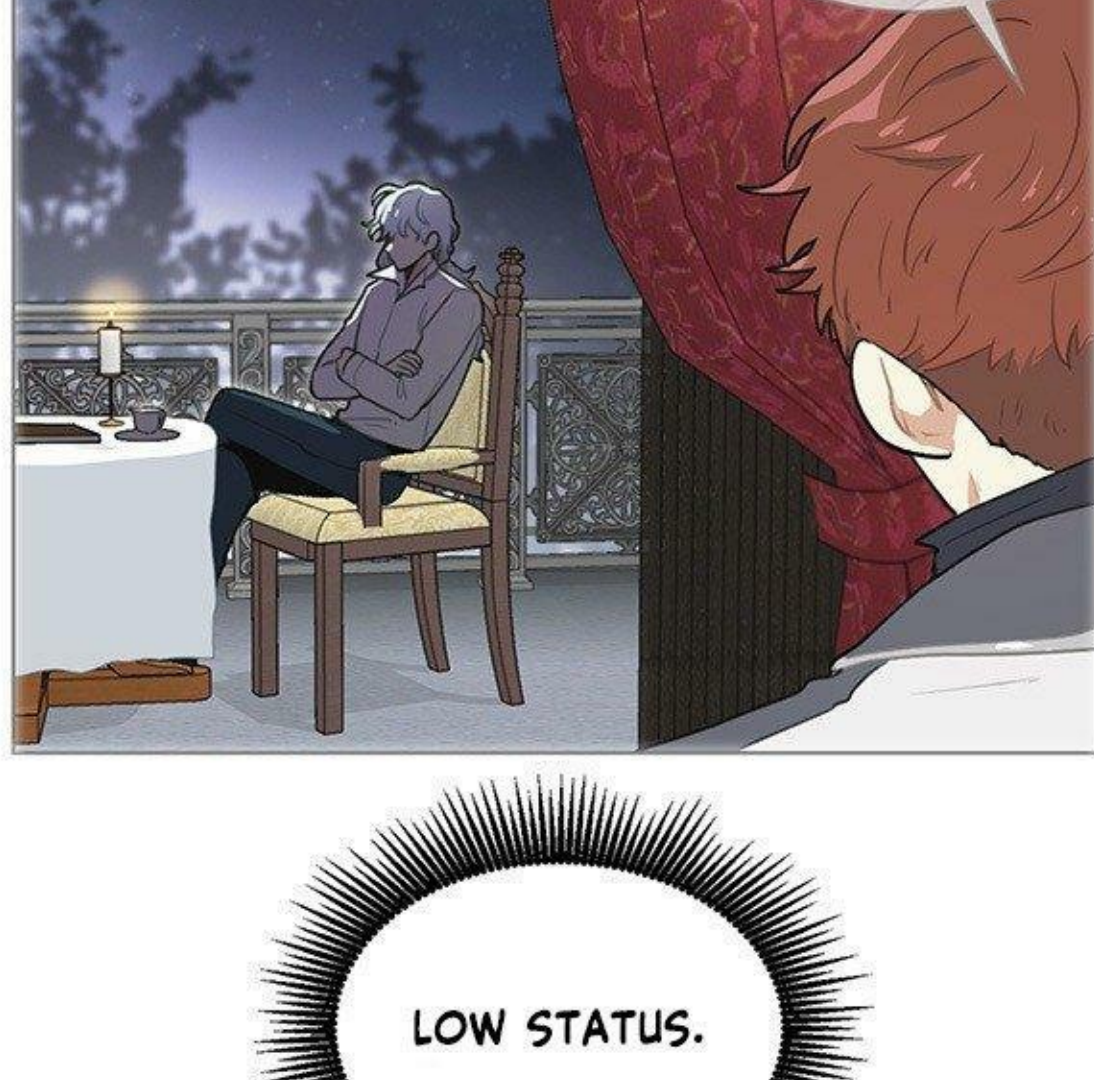






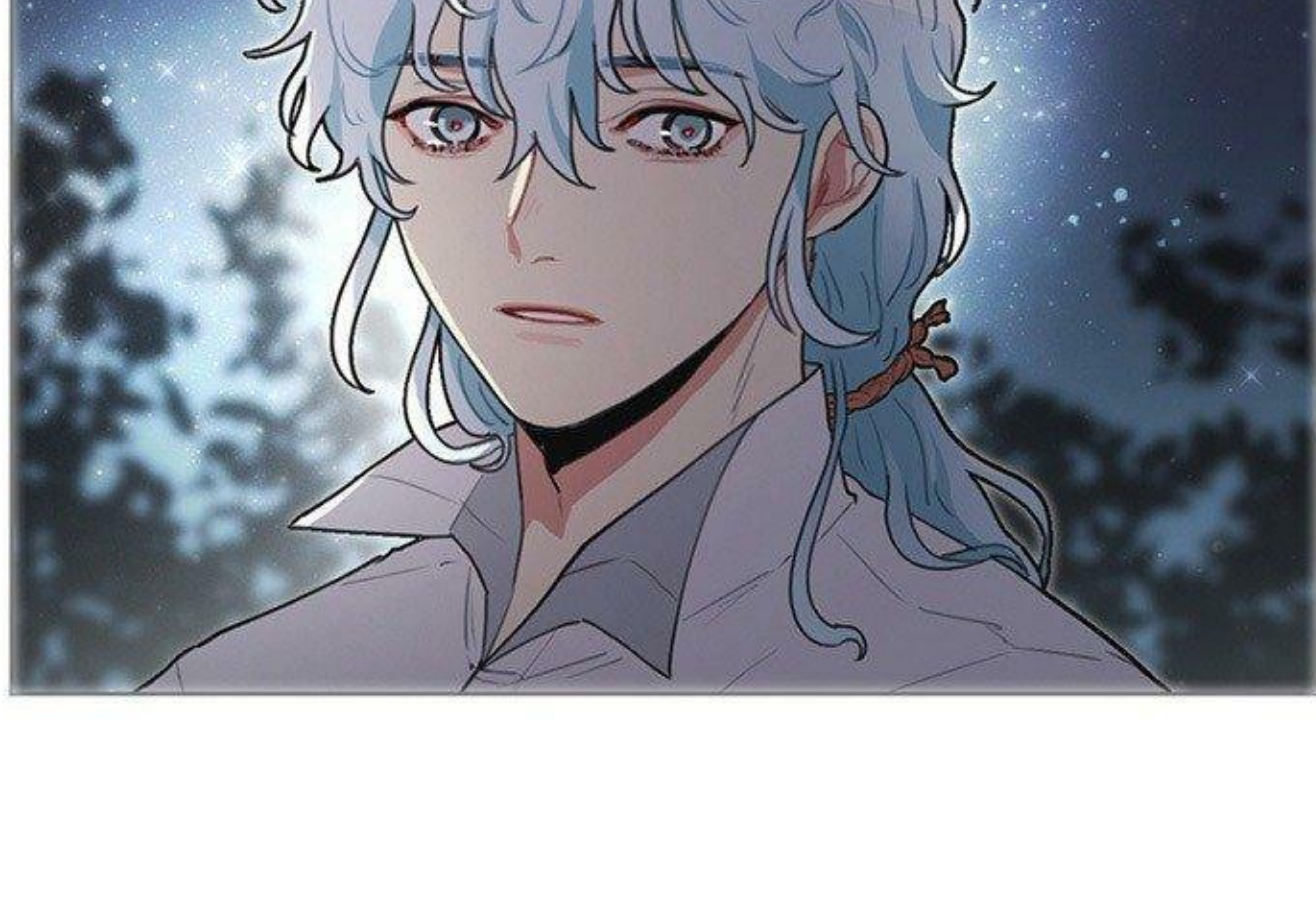
SHE'S SAID  
TO BE BLONDE AND  
OF LOW STATUS.

SHALL WE  
POST NEW WANTED  
POSTERS?



LOW STATUS.

...NO. PLEASE  
GIVE ME THOSE AND  
DON'T TAKE DOWN THE  
OLD POSTERS.



I DIDN'T THINK  
TO CHECK BECAUSE SHE  
WAS WEARING A DRESS.  
I'M A FOOL.

DAMN IT! LET  
GO! I DON'T CARE  
WHAT HAPPENS  
ANYMORE!

UGH, THIS  
BASTARD!!



WHO'S THIS  
BASTARD?! WHY HAS HE  
BEEN BLOCKING THE WAY  
SINCE EARLIER?



MOVE IT!

WHO

...!



I'LL KILL YOU  
IF YOU MOVE.

EVERYONE, CEASE  
YOUR RACKET AND PAY  
YOUR RESPECTS.

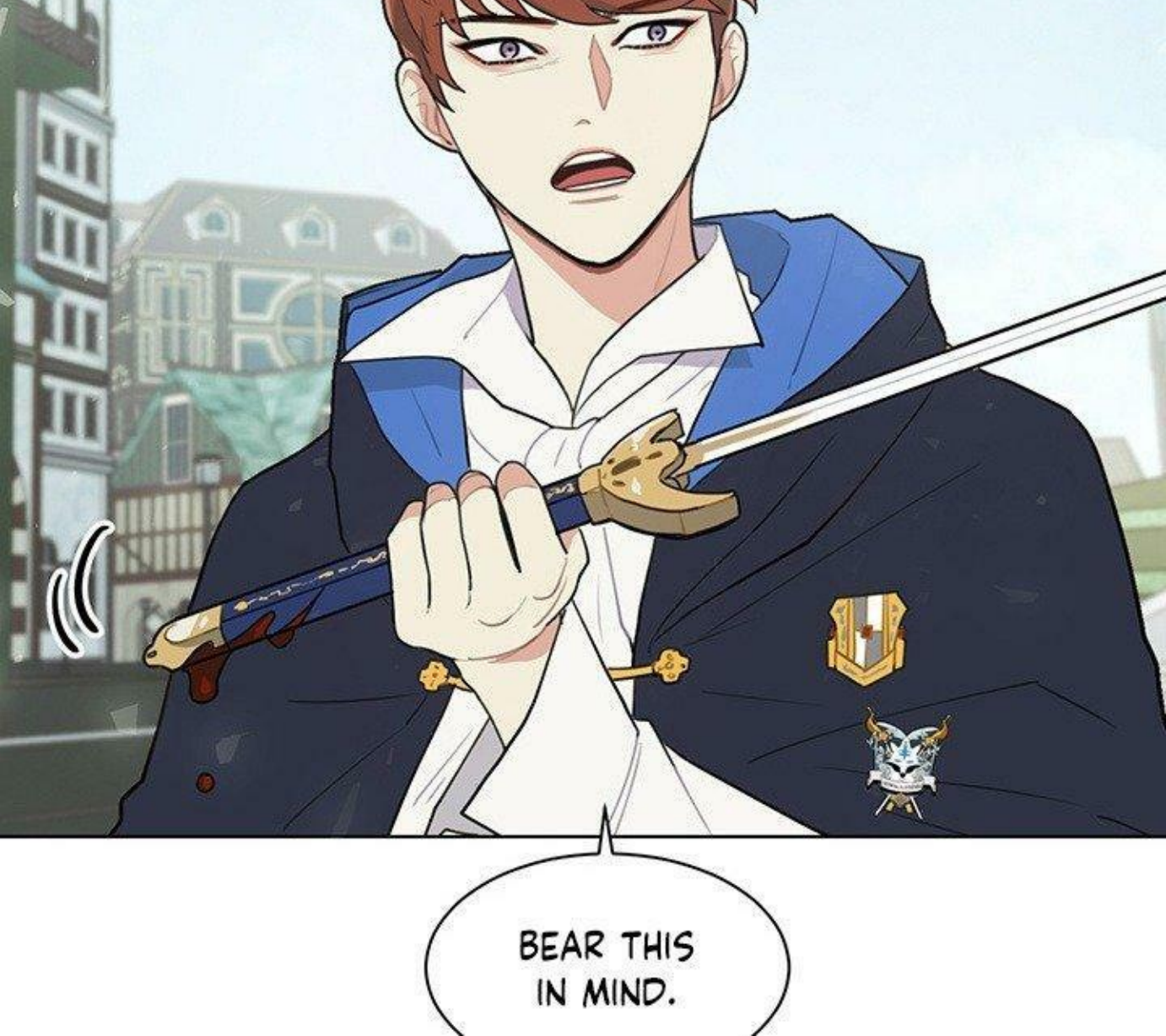
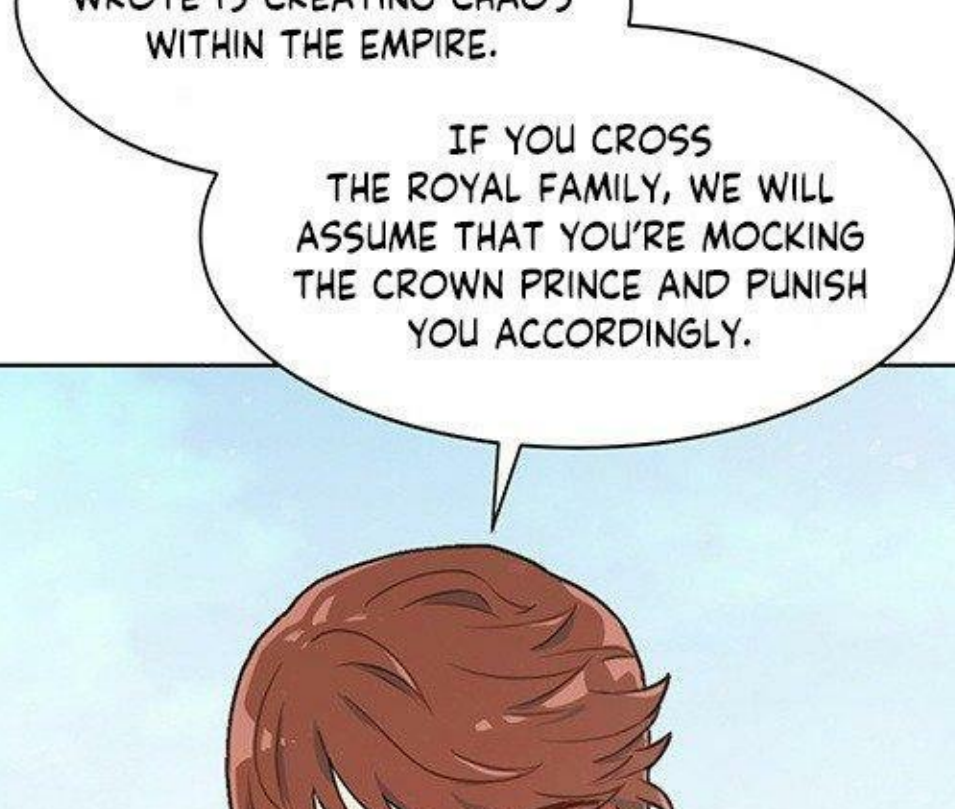
W- WHO  
COULD IT BE?



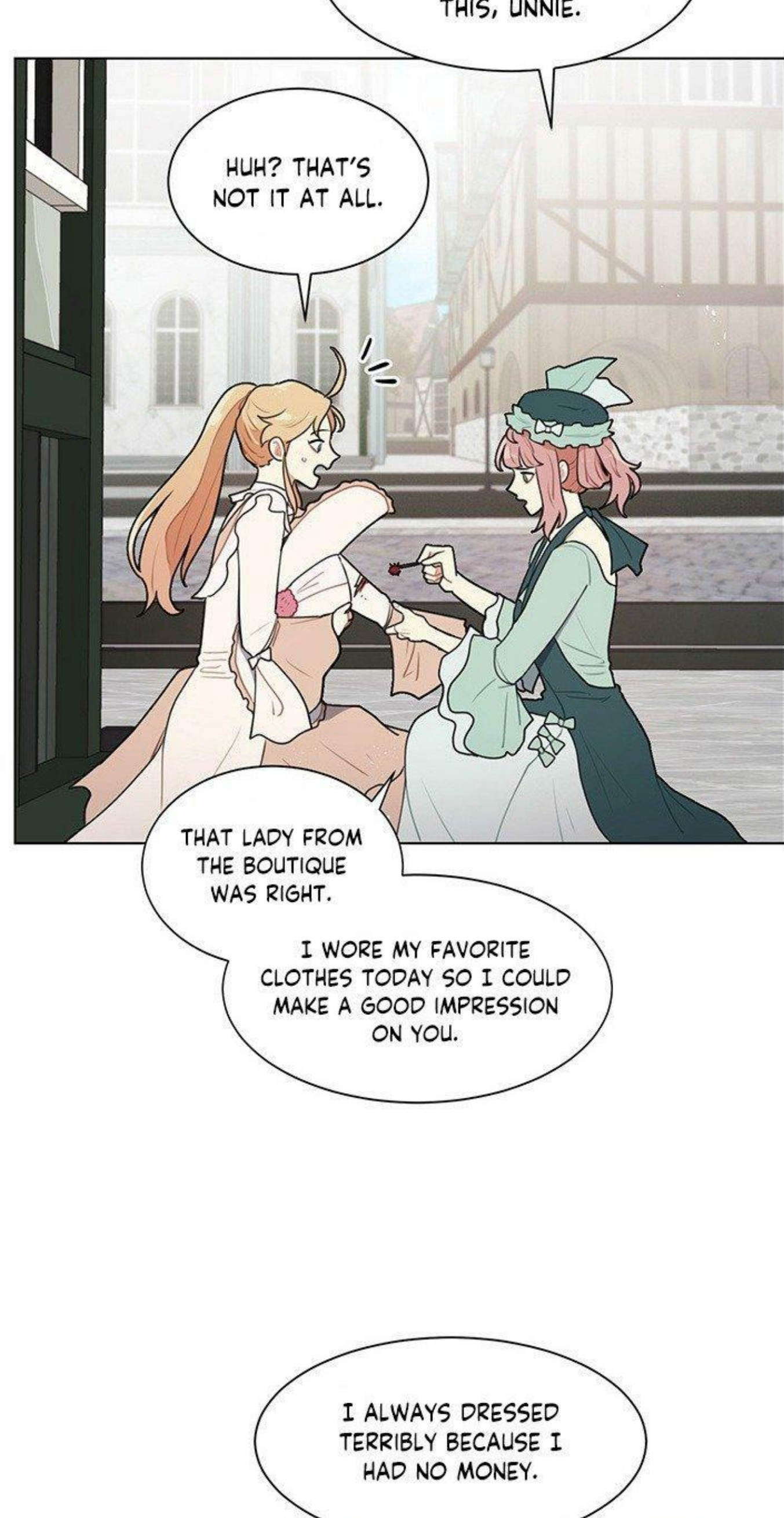
















I TOLD YOU THAT IT HASN'T BEEN LONG SINCE I GOT HIRED AND THAT I'M NEW TO WORKING. I WAS REALLY LUCKY, CONSIDERING MY STATUS,

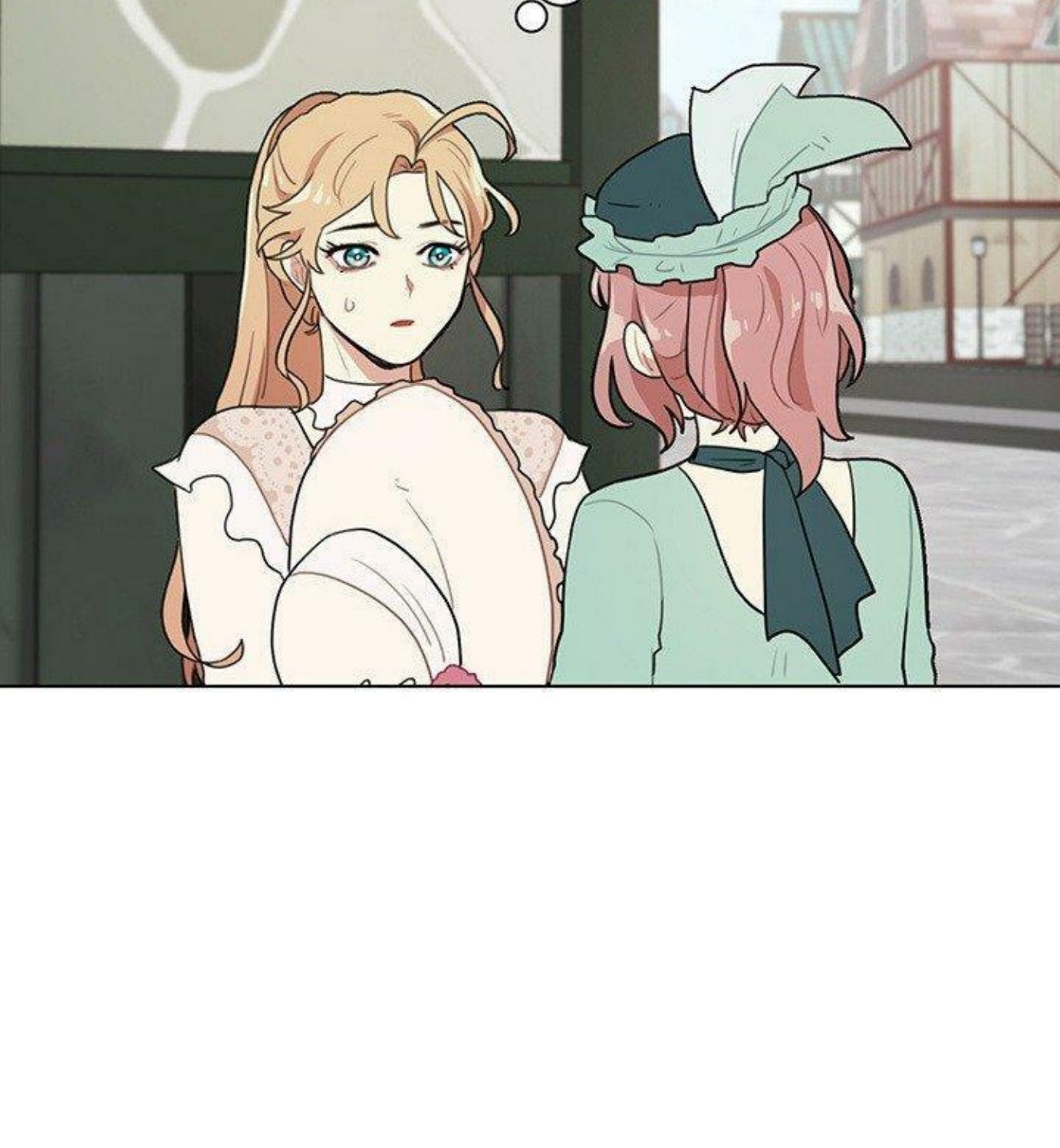
BUT I WASN'T ABLE TO ADAPT AND WAS MERELY RUNNING SMALL ERRANDS.



BUT I GOT AHEAD OF MYSELF SINCE I ONLY WANTED TO SHOW YOU MY GOOD SIDES BECAUSE I GOT THE CHANCE TO DO SOMETHING AS AMAZING

AS BEING IN CHARGE OF LOOKING AFTER A SCHOLAR LIKE YOU.

AS I THOUGHT, IMPORTANT JOBS LIKE THESE DON'T SUIT ME.



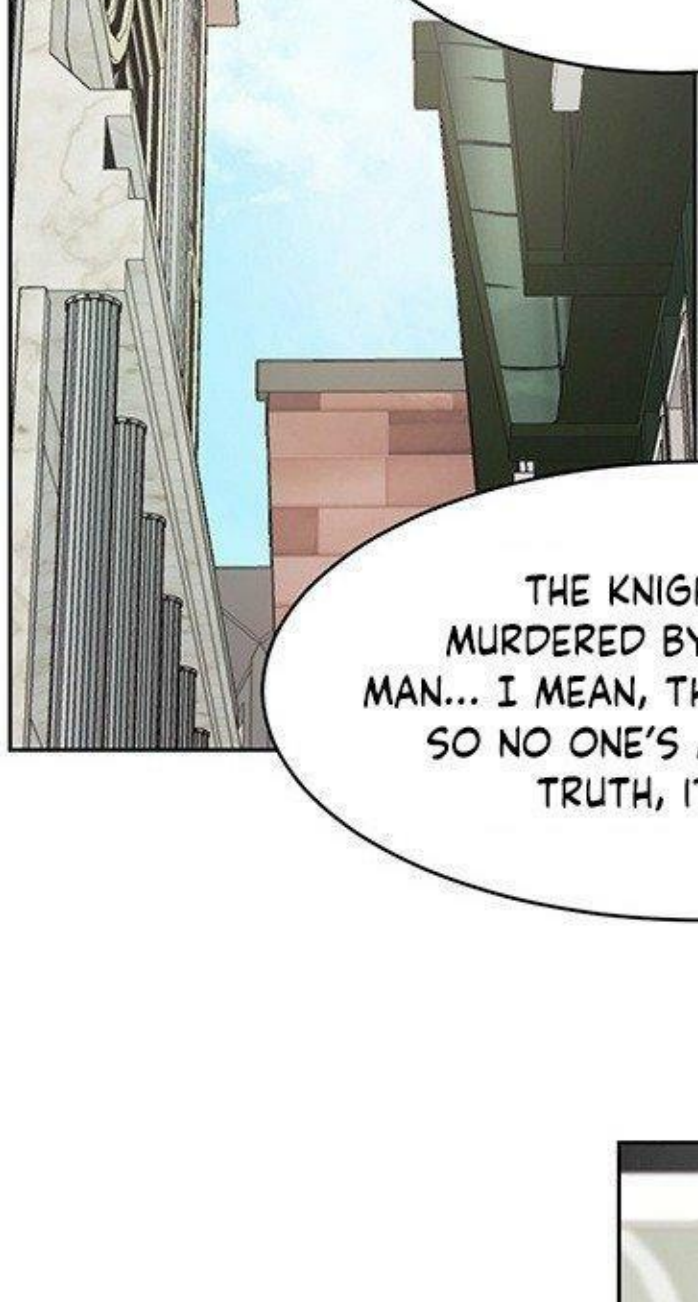
SHE MUST ACTUALLY HAVE A TIMID PERSONALITY.

I DON'T THINK SHE'LL BE OKAY IF I RUN AWAY RIGHT NOW.

WELL... I GUESS I'D ONLY END UP AS A FUGITIVE LIKE THE MERCHANT GUY IF I FLED NOW.



I DON'T WANT TO RETURN TO HOW I WAS IN THE PAST.

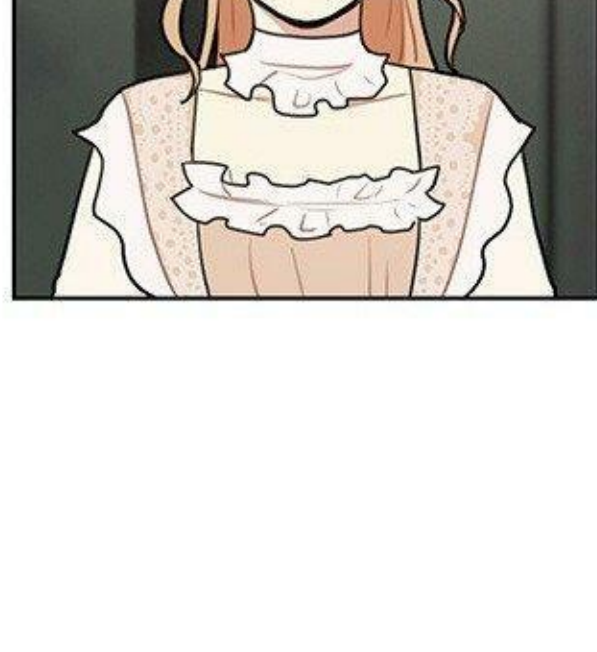


THE WANTED POSTER AND THE PUBLIC POSTER TELL ME THAT THEY HAVE NO IDEA WHO THE REAL AUTHOR IS YET.

THE KNIGHTS WERE MURDERED BY THE MASKED MAN... I MEAN, THE CROWN PRINCE, SO NO ONE'S AWARE OF THE TRUTH, IT SEEMS.

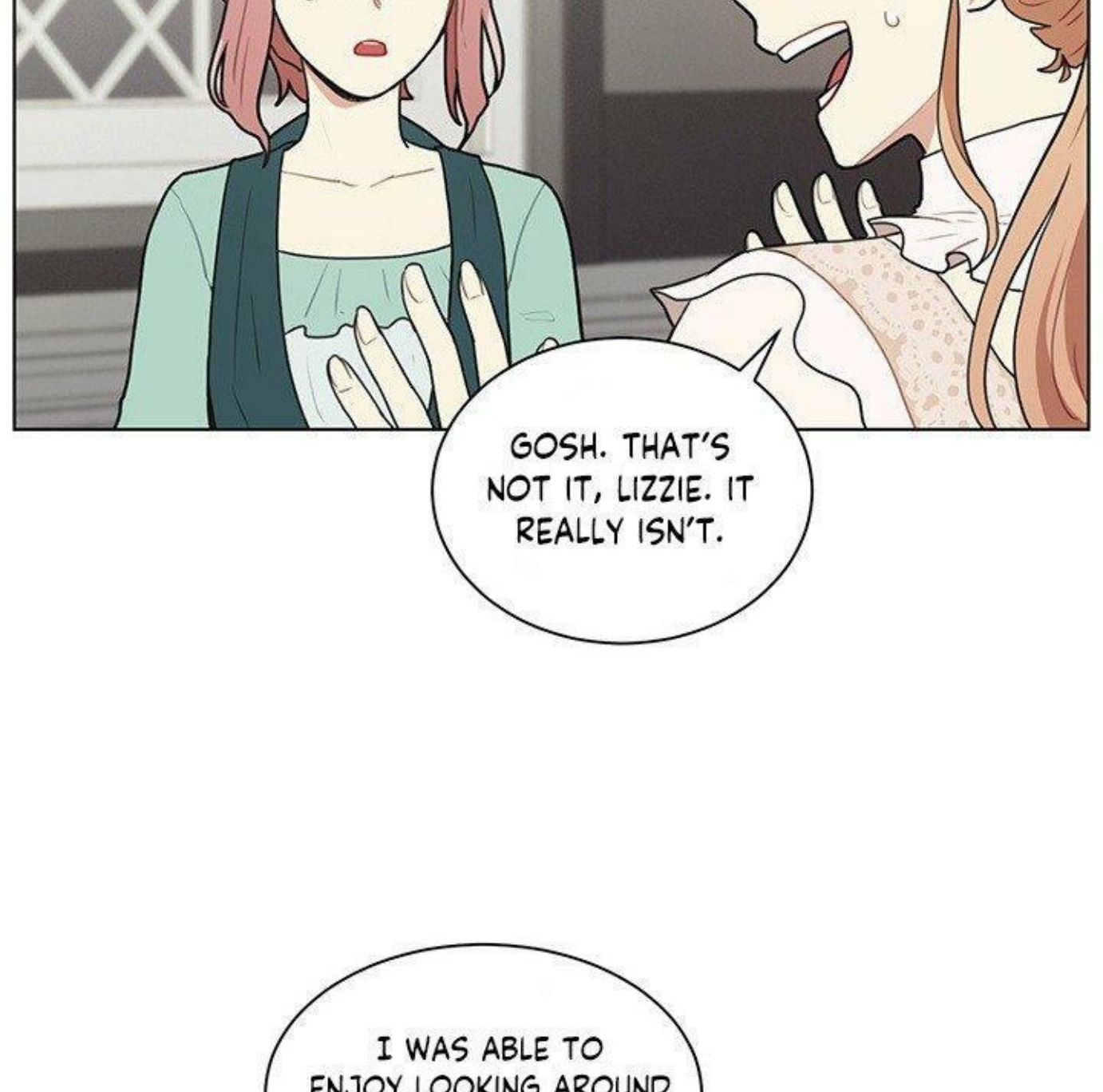
THANKFULLY.

...WHAT AM I SAYING.



I THINK I WAS ASSIGNED TO YOU BY ACCIDENT.

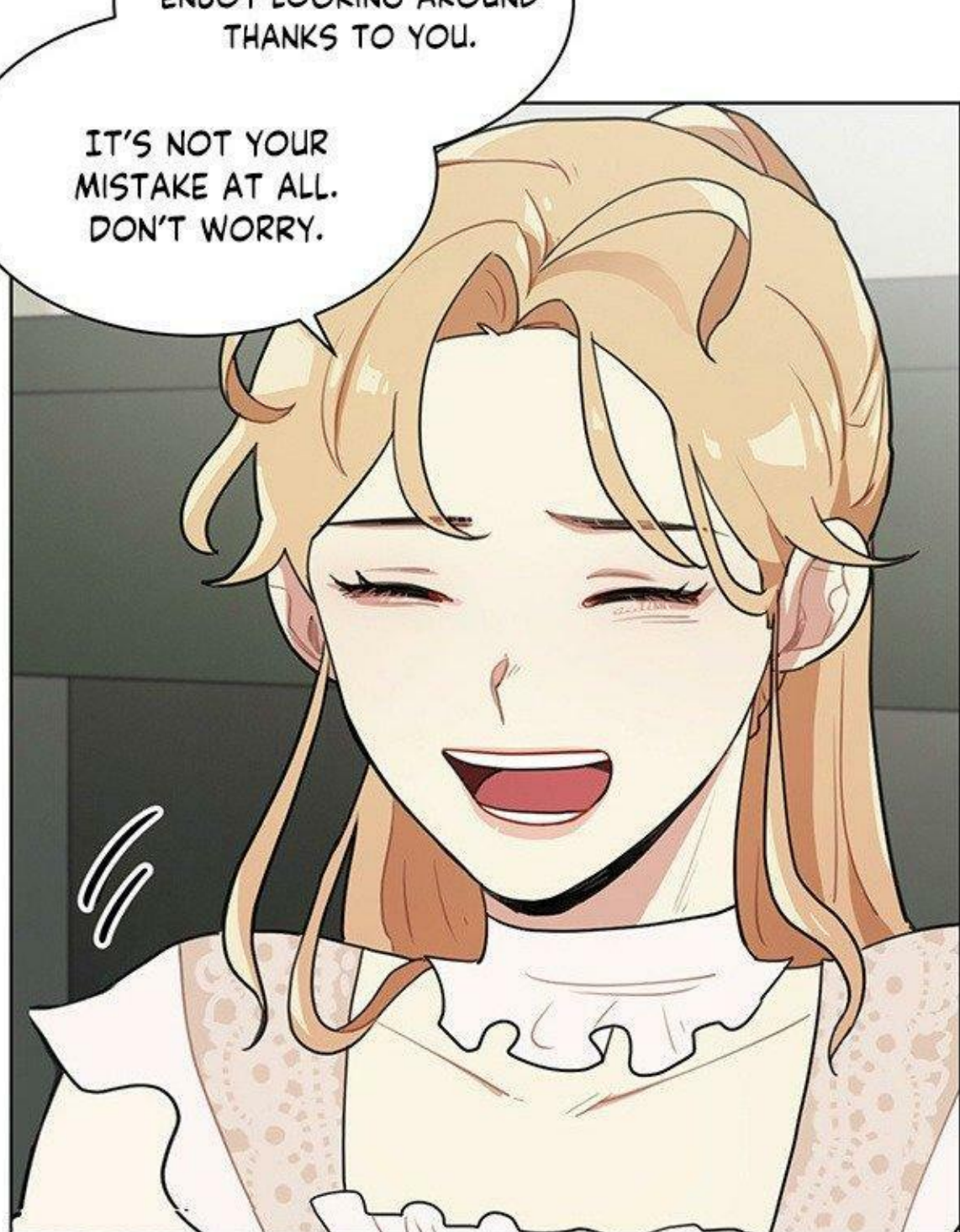
I'LL TALK TO THEM AND MAKE SURE I'M REPLACED BY SOMEONE WHO'S MORE EXPERIENCED.



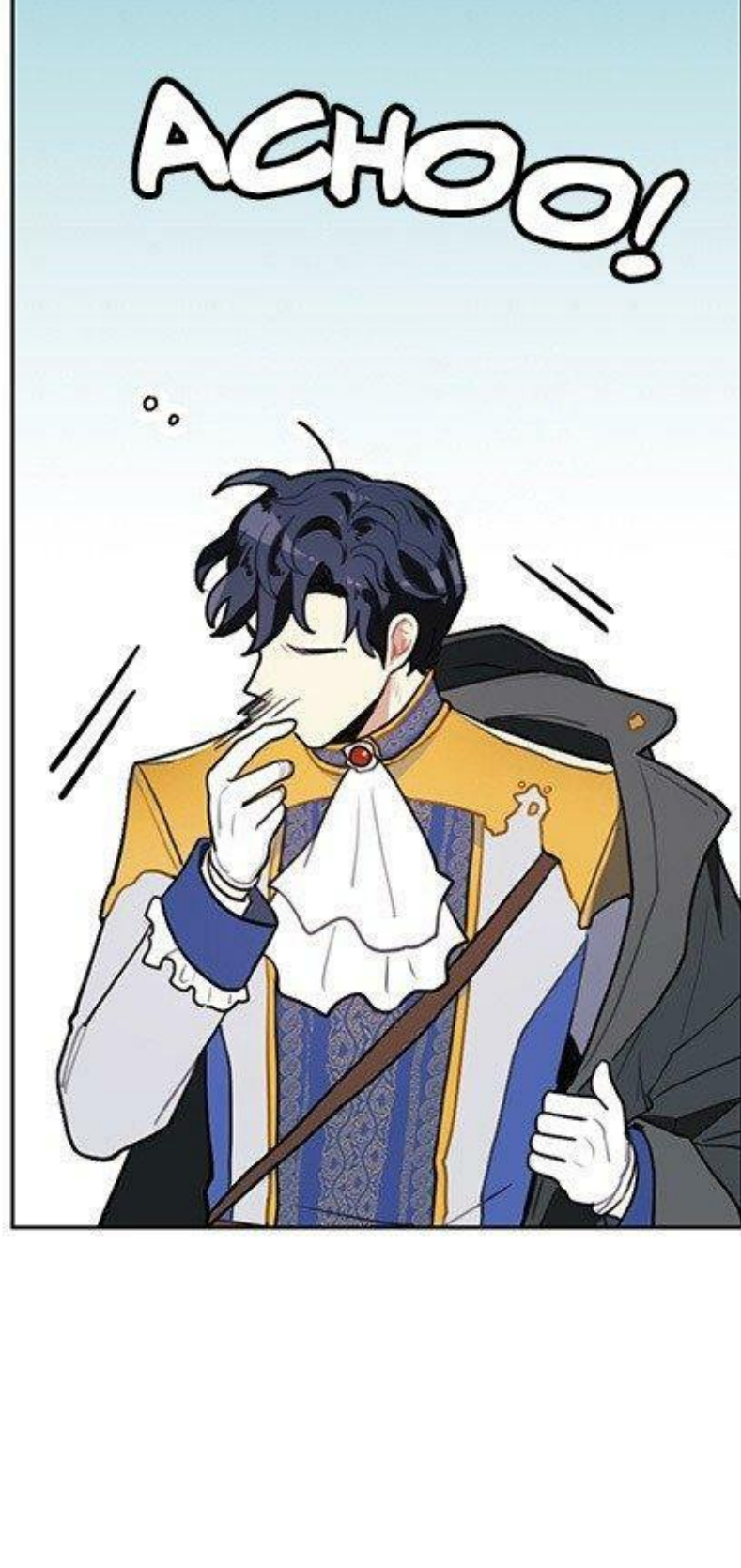
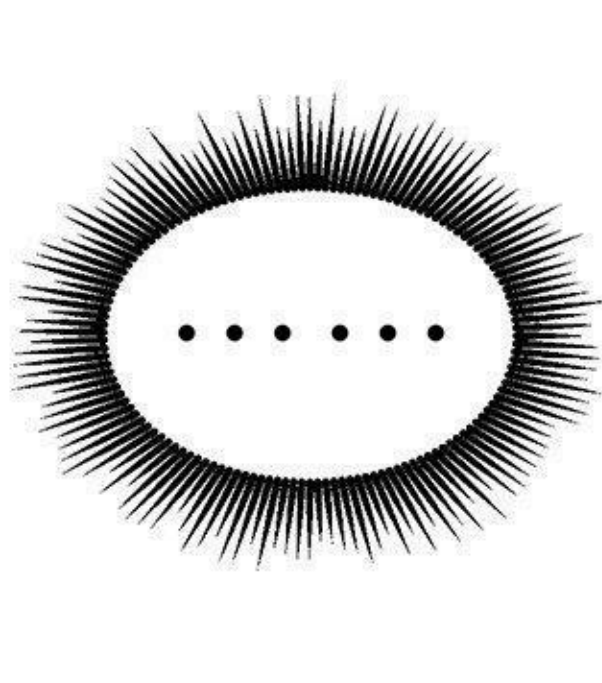
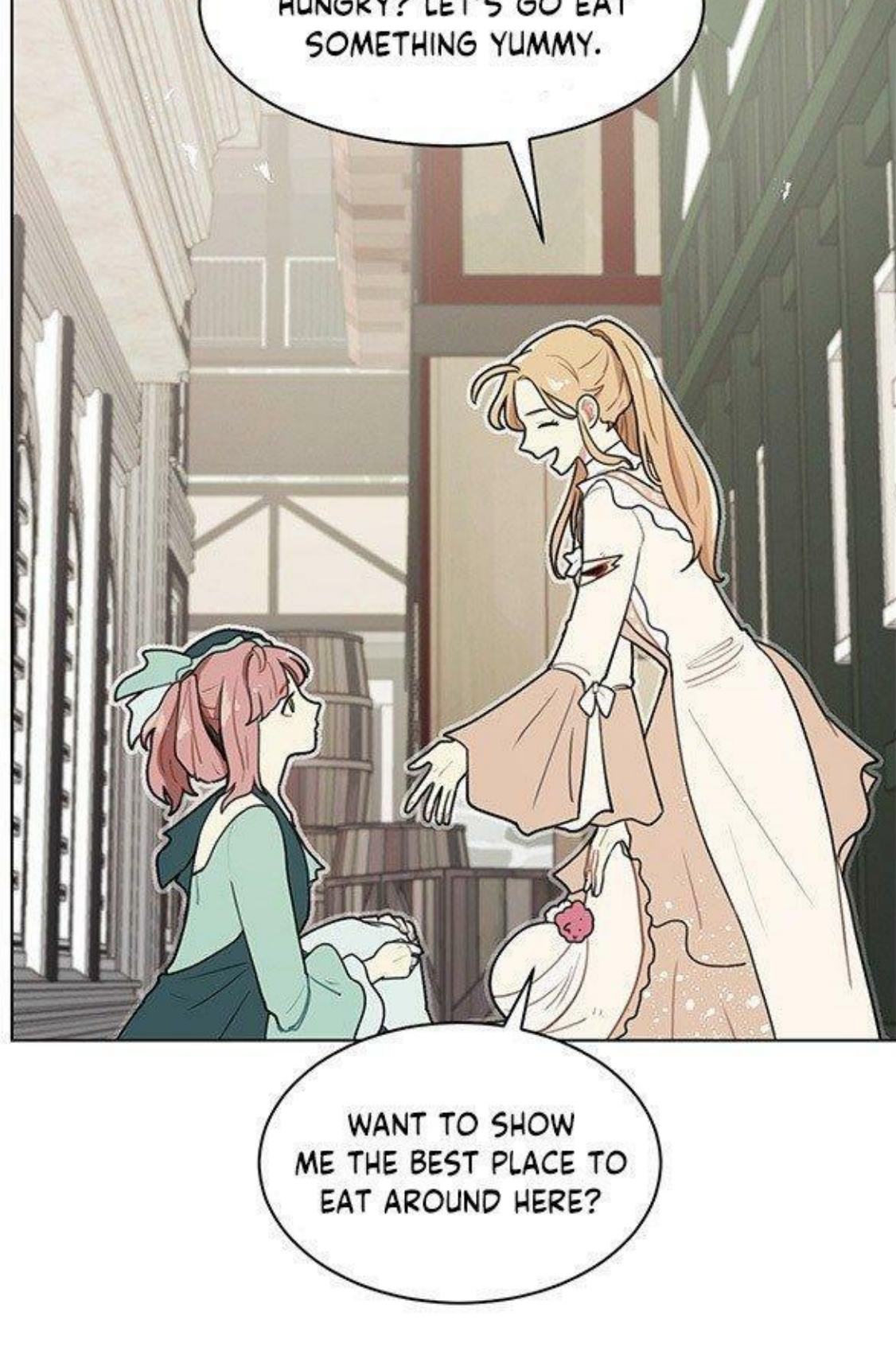
GOSH. THAT'S NOT IT, LIZZIE. IT REALLY ISN'T.

I WAS ABLE TO ENJOY LOOKING AROUND THANKS TO YOU.

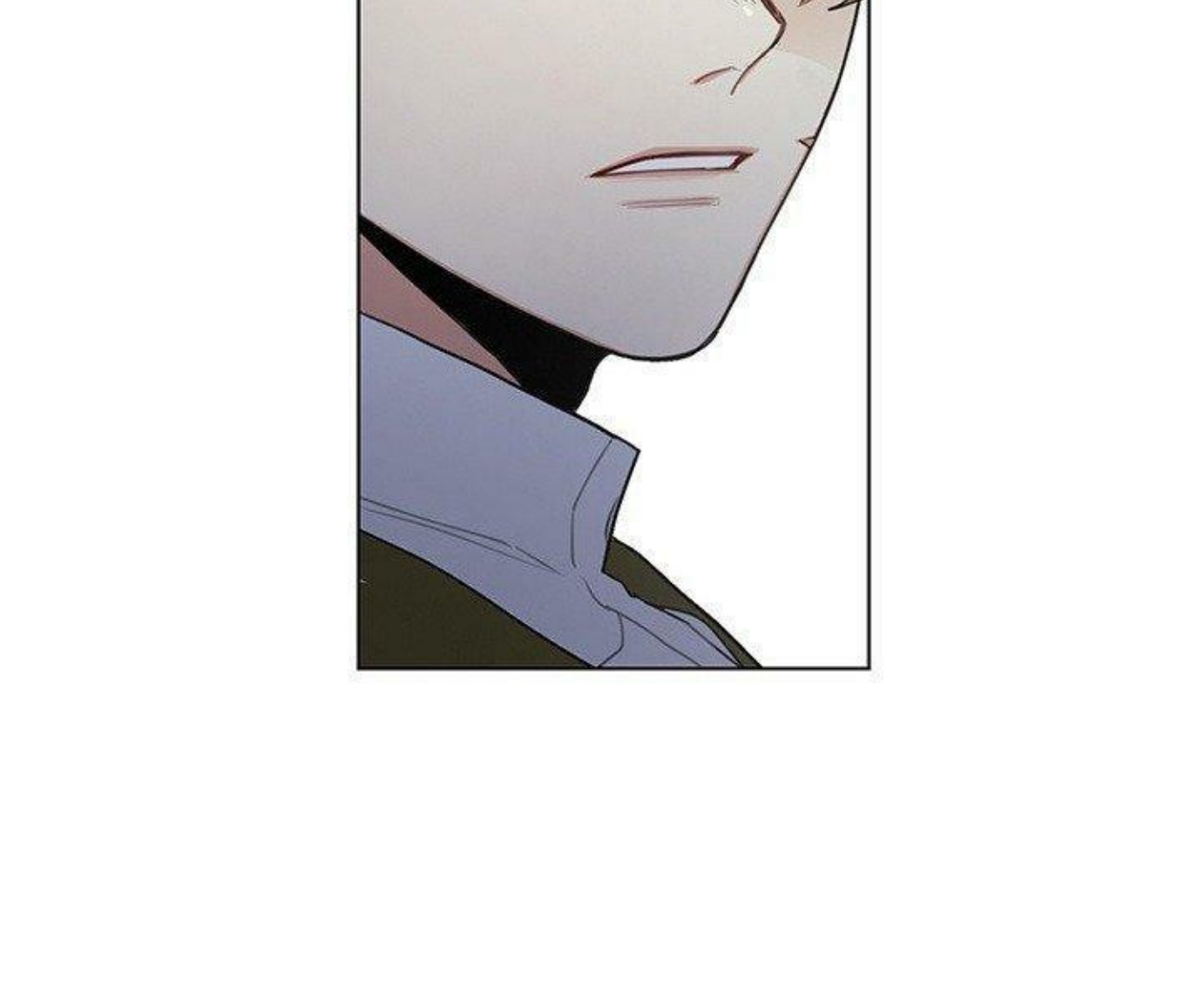
IT'S NOT YOUR MISTAKE AT ALL. DON'T WORRY.















NEIGHHH



WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?



YOU'RE STILL QUITE SKILLED, MANO. I WAS JUST TRYING TO GIVE A SURPRISE GREETING.

DID YOU THINK I WAS BEING SERIOUS? IT WAS JUST A JOKE.

GREETINGS. YOU MUST'VE ALREADY HEARD, BUT THE CROWN PRINCE IS VISITING.



PLEASE SPARE US A MOMENT OF YOUR TIME FIRST IF YOU'RE ABOUT TO LEAVE.

GLANCE



...AND, I APOLOGIZE IF YOU TOOK OFFENSE AT MY LITTLE JOKE, SIR RAYBURN.



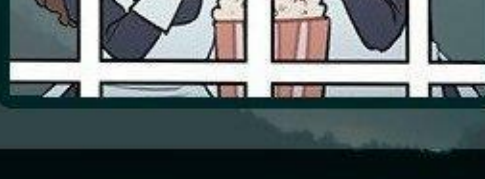
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WHAT??  
THEY ONLY TOLD  
YOU TO GO?

THEY DIDN'T  
SAY TO BRING  
ME ALONG?

YES. THAT'S WHY  
I WAS HOLDING THE  
DOCUMENTS AS WELL.

I ASKED YOU TO  
COME BECAUSE I THOUGHT  
YOU MIGHT BE BORED.  
IS THERE A PROBLEM?

AH.

AND MISS ANGELA,

I'M SO SORRY,  
BUT COULD YOU REFRAIN  
FROM GOING OUT FOR  
THE TIME BEING?

I'M SURE YOU'LL FEEL  
FRUSTRATED... BUT WE NEED  
TO TAKE CARE OF THE CURRENT  
SITUATION SO WE WON'T BE  
PUT ON THE SPOT.

I'M BEGGING YOU.

...UH....

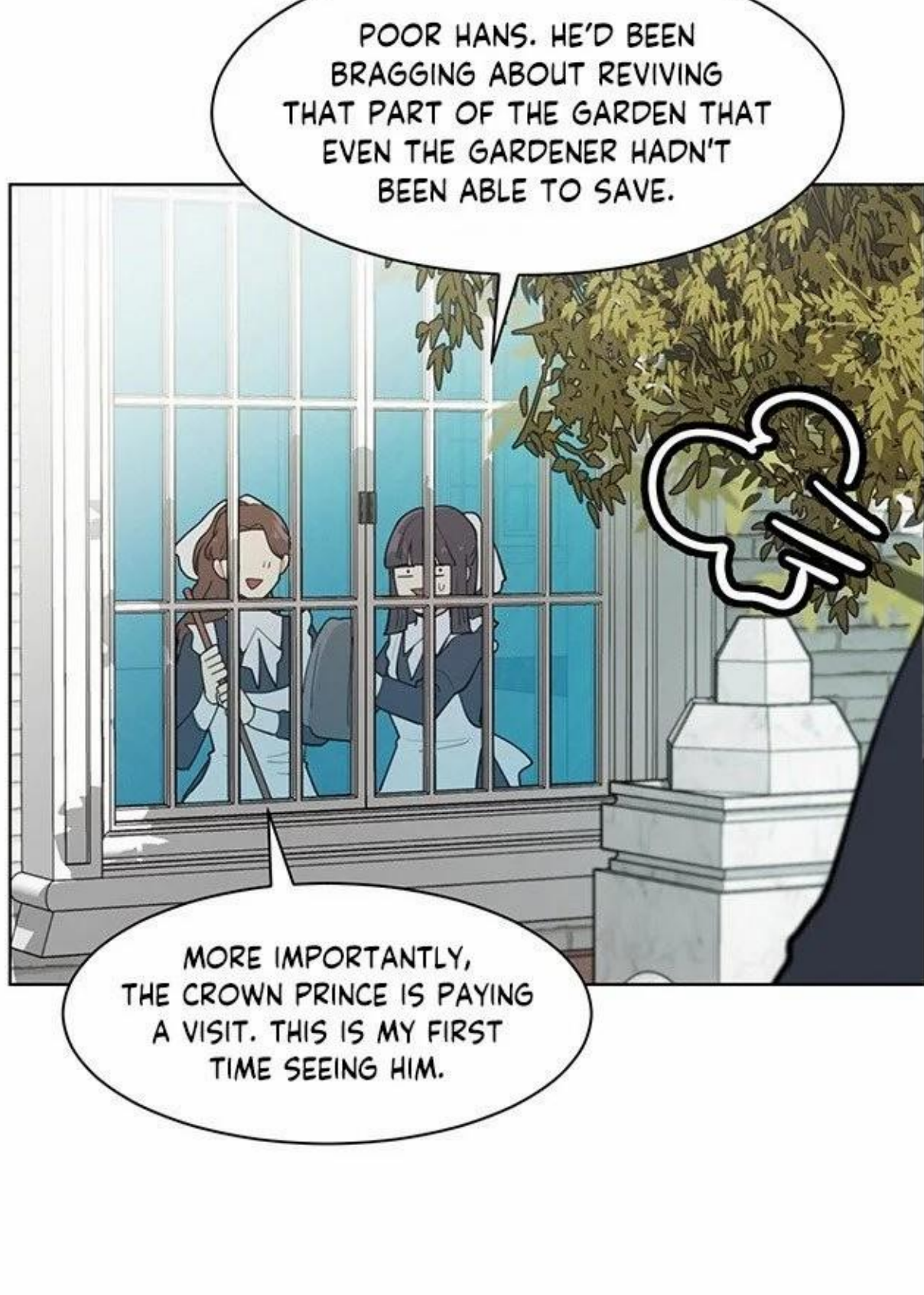
UM... I THINK  
WE SHOULD HURRY  
AND RETURN TO  
THE MANSION.



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TAKE PROPER CARE  
OF YOUR KNIGHTS.

IF IT WEREN'T  
FOR YOU, I WOULD  
HAVE KILLED HIM  
ALREADY.

WHETHER IT'S MY  
SERVANTS OR MY HORSES, I  
WON'T LET IT GO IF YOU LAY  
YOUR HANDS ON THEM.

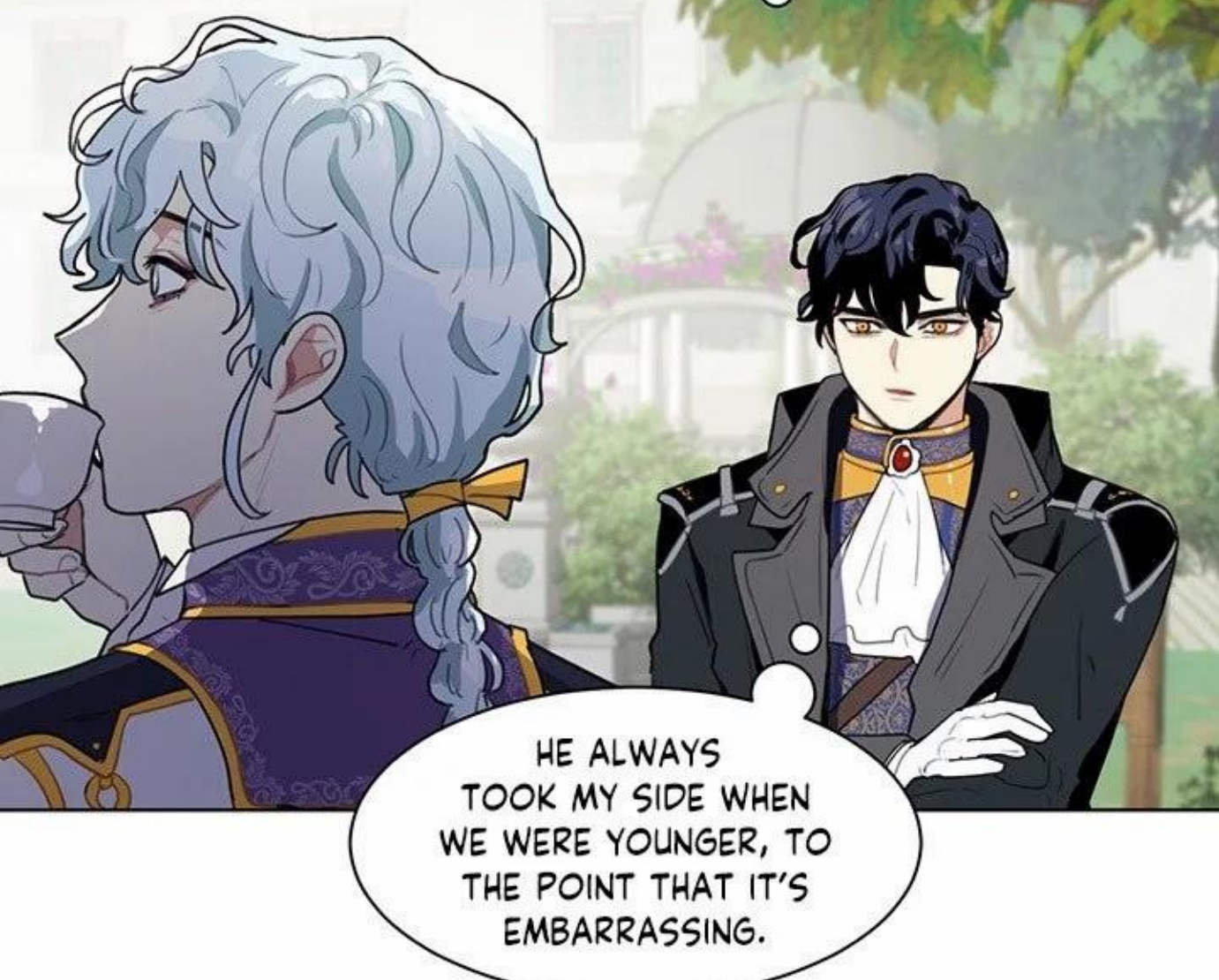


.....DIDN'T I SAY IT  
WAS JUST A JOKE?



YOU MUST'VE  
BEEN VERY UPSET.  
HOW UNLIKE YOU.

LOOK AT  
THIS KID.



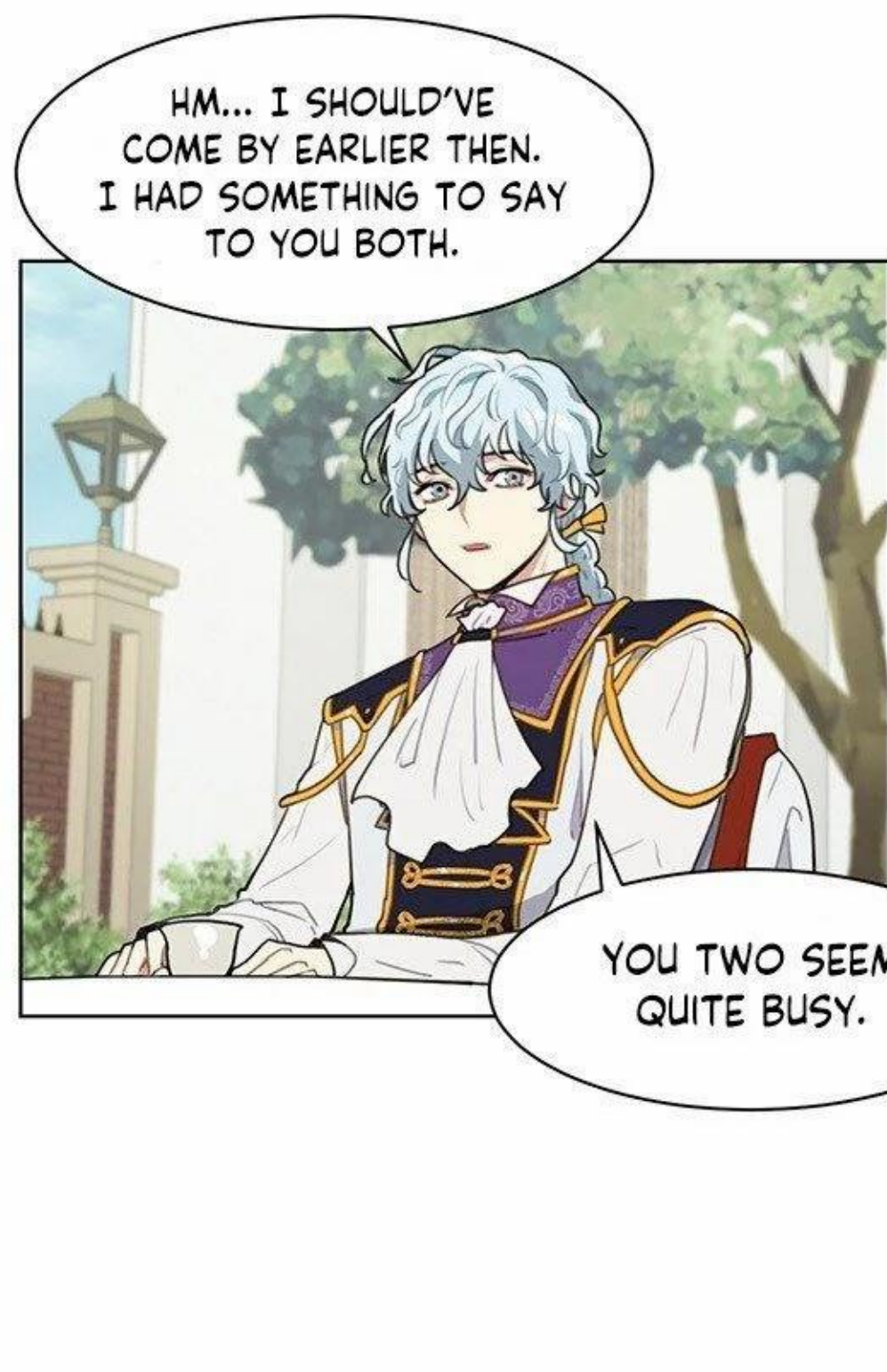
HE ALWAYS  
TOOK MY SIDE WHEN  
WE WERE YOUNGER, TO  
THE POINT THAT IT'S  
EMBARRASSING.

HOYA DOESN'T  
SEEM TO BE HERE.



WHAT WOULD SHE BE  
DOING AT MY MANSION?  
WE MET FOR A MOMENT  
BEFORE SHE LEFT.





YOU TWO SEEM QUITE BUSY.



NEEDLESS TO SAY, THEY WERE ALL SKILLED IN SWORDSMANSHIP,



THE METHOD USED TO KILL THEM SEEMED FAMILIAR TOO....



**CUT-OFF**

DON'T GO SPEWING NONSENSE WITHOUT ANY EVIDENCE.



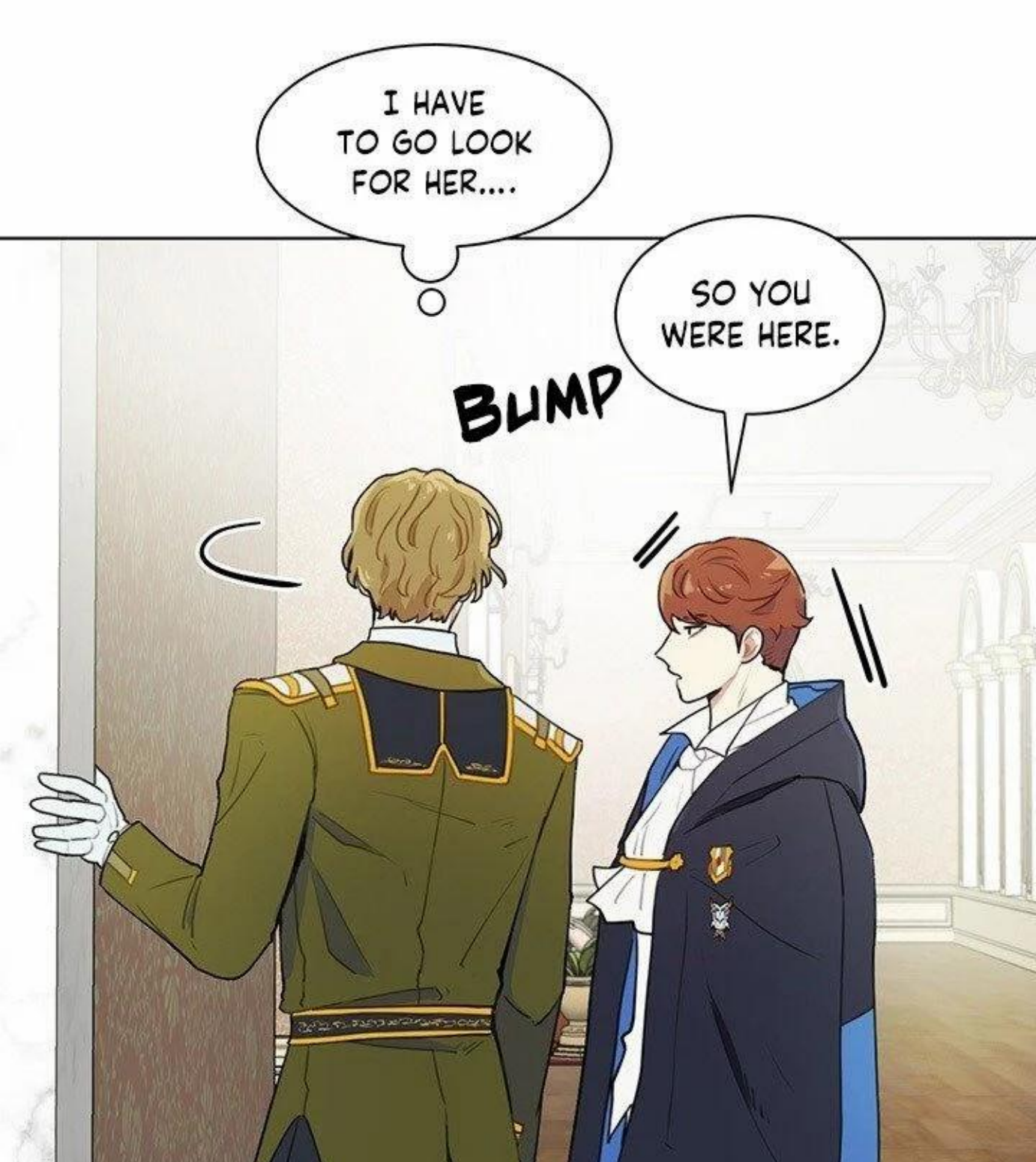
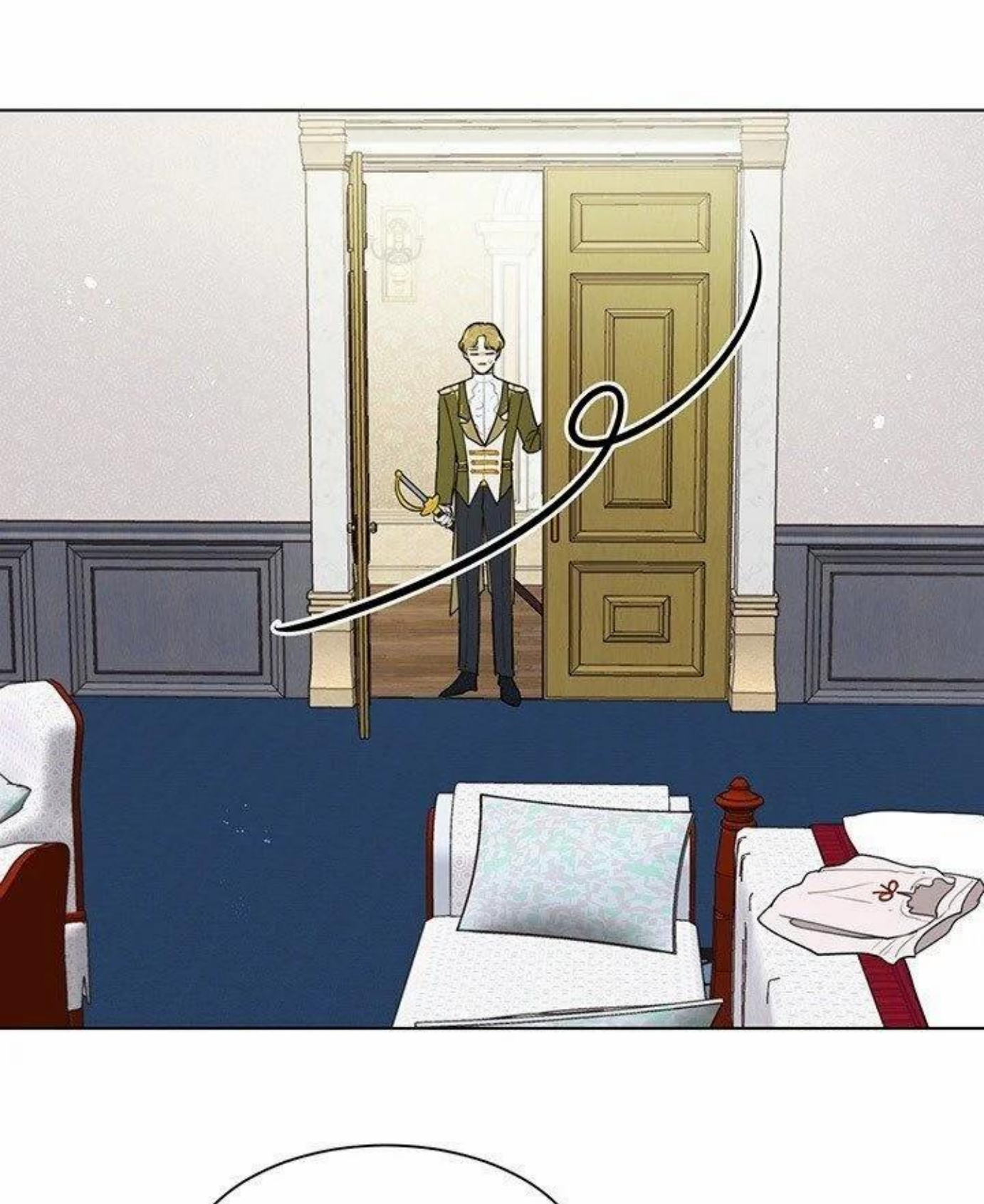
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I HAVE A MONTAGE PREPARED TO SEARCH FOR THEM. WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE A LOOK?









IT'S JUST ANOTHER  
EMPTY ROOM IN THE  
MANSION. DON'T WALK  
AROUND WITHOUT  
PERMISSION.

!

IT DOESN'T  
SEEM LIKE AN EMPTY  
ROOM THOUGH?

WHERE'S THE  
OWNER?

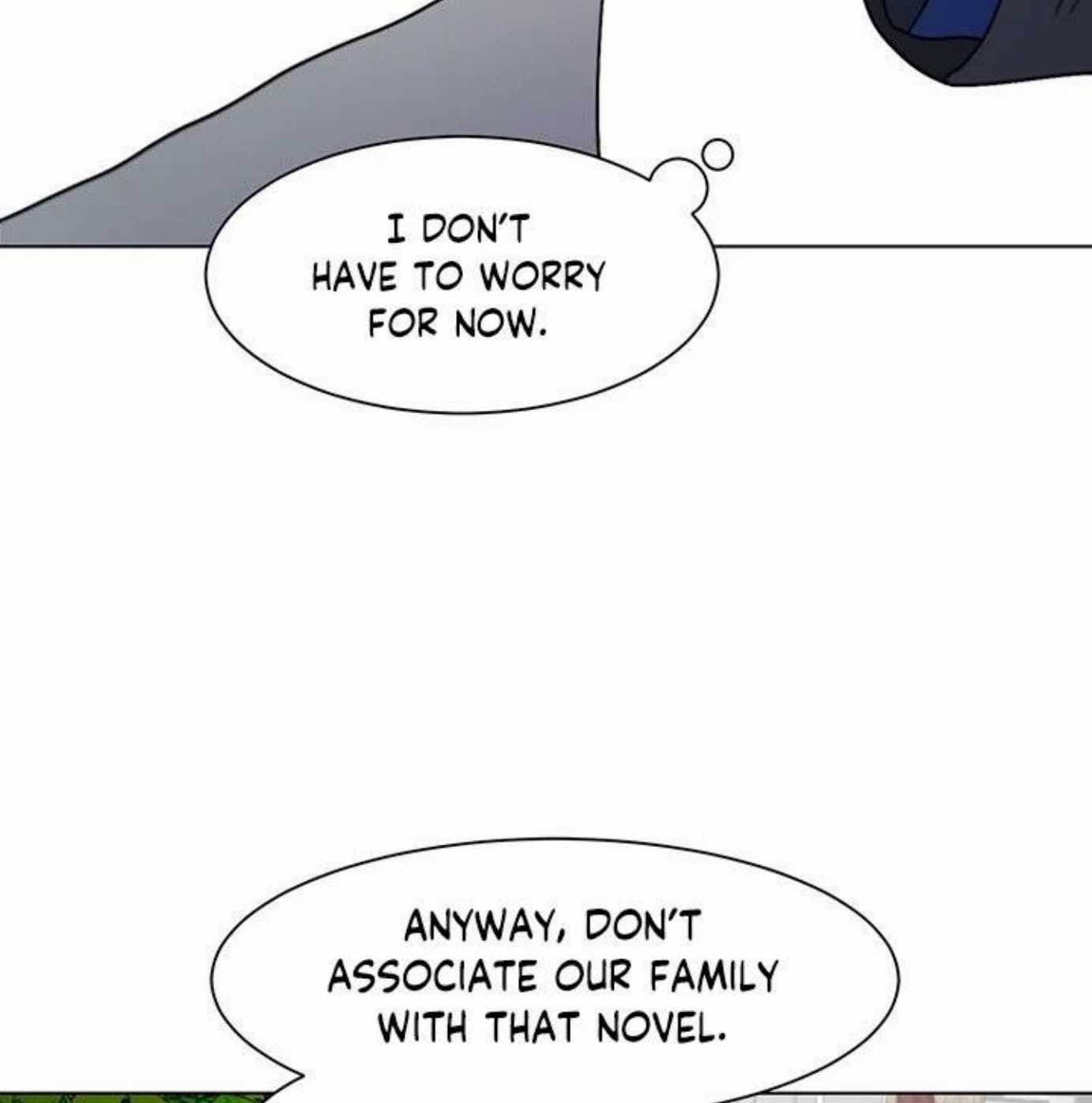
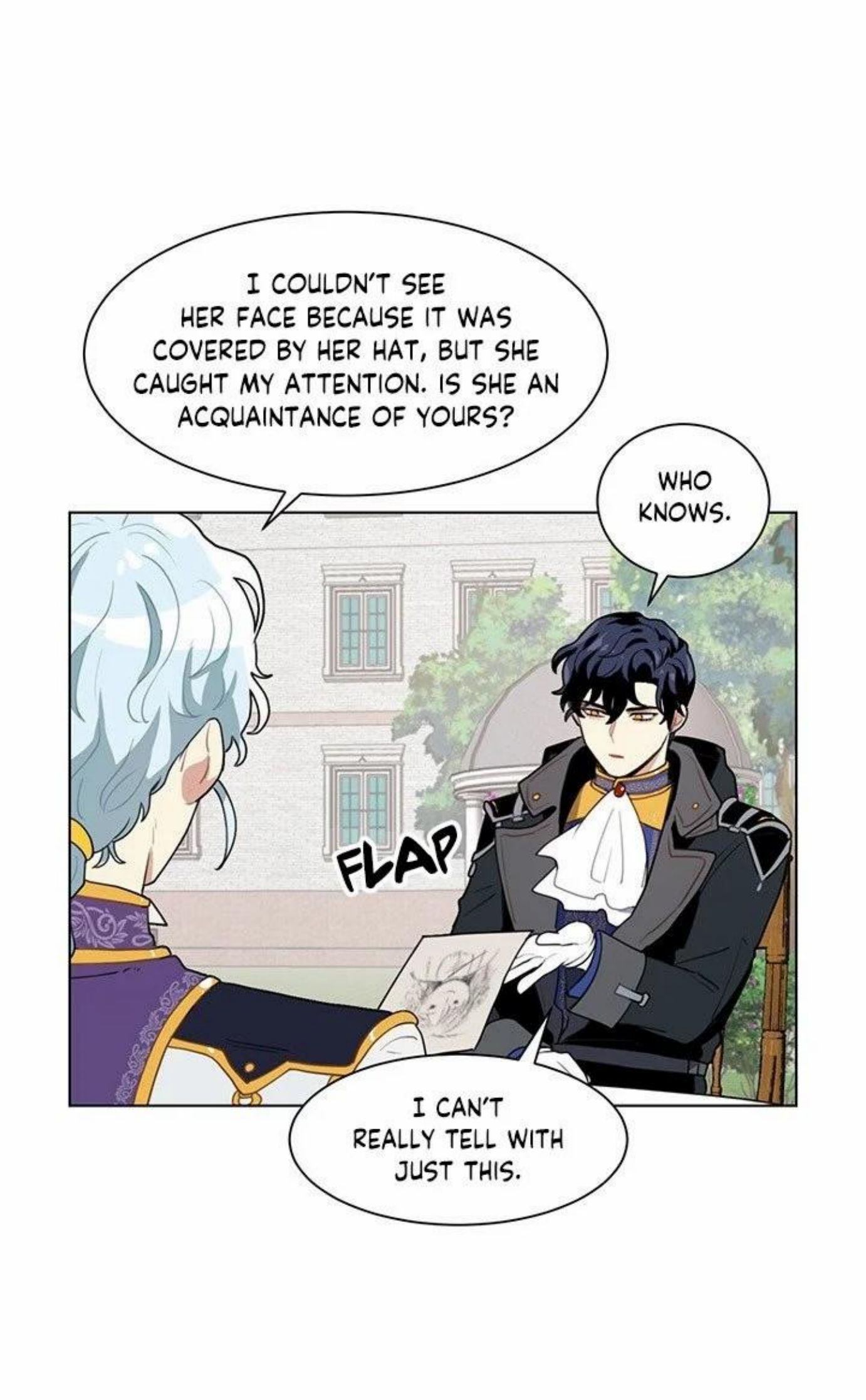
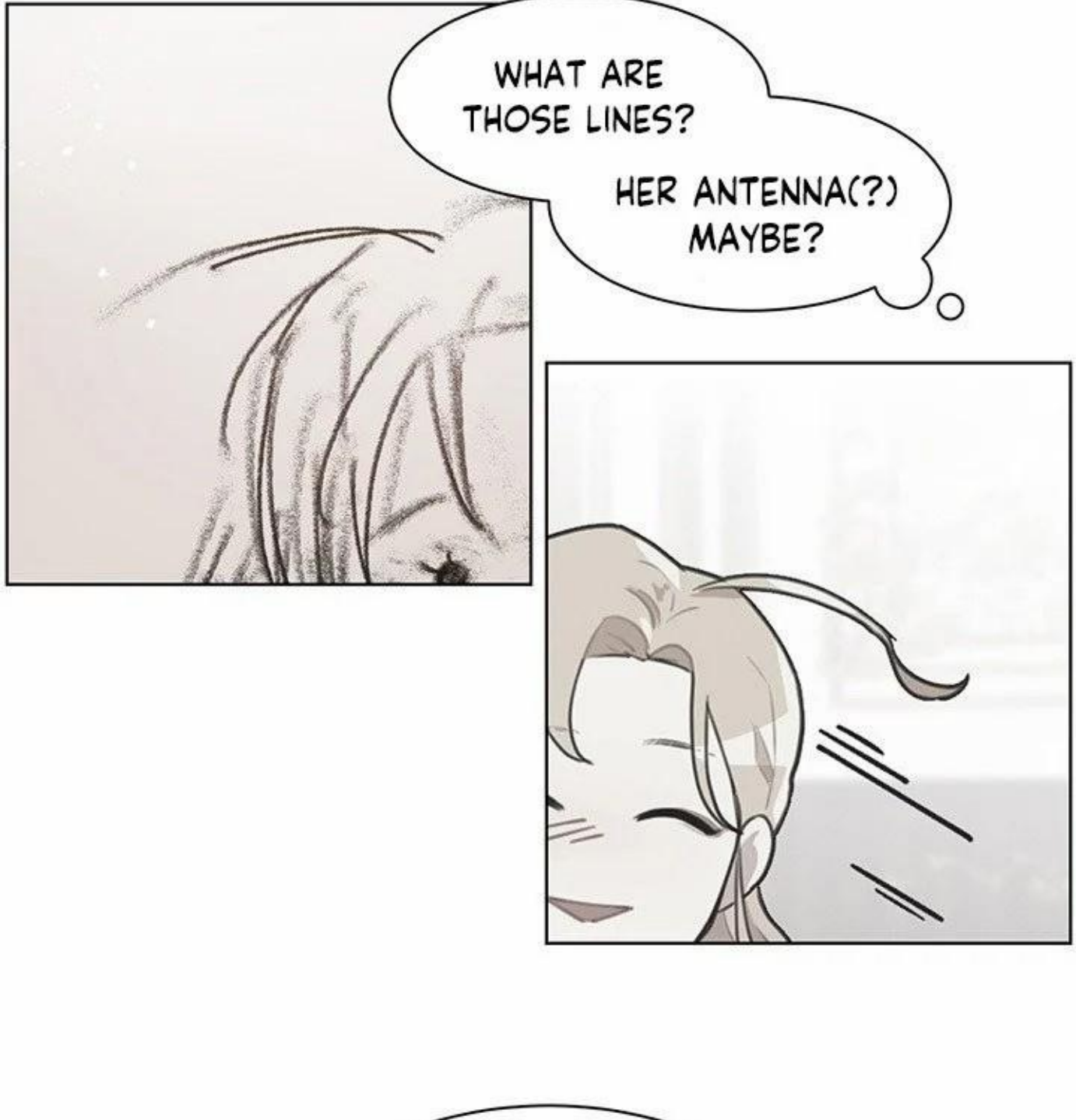
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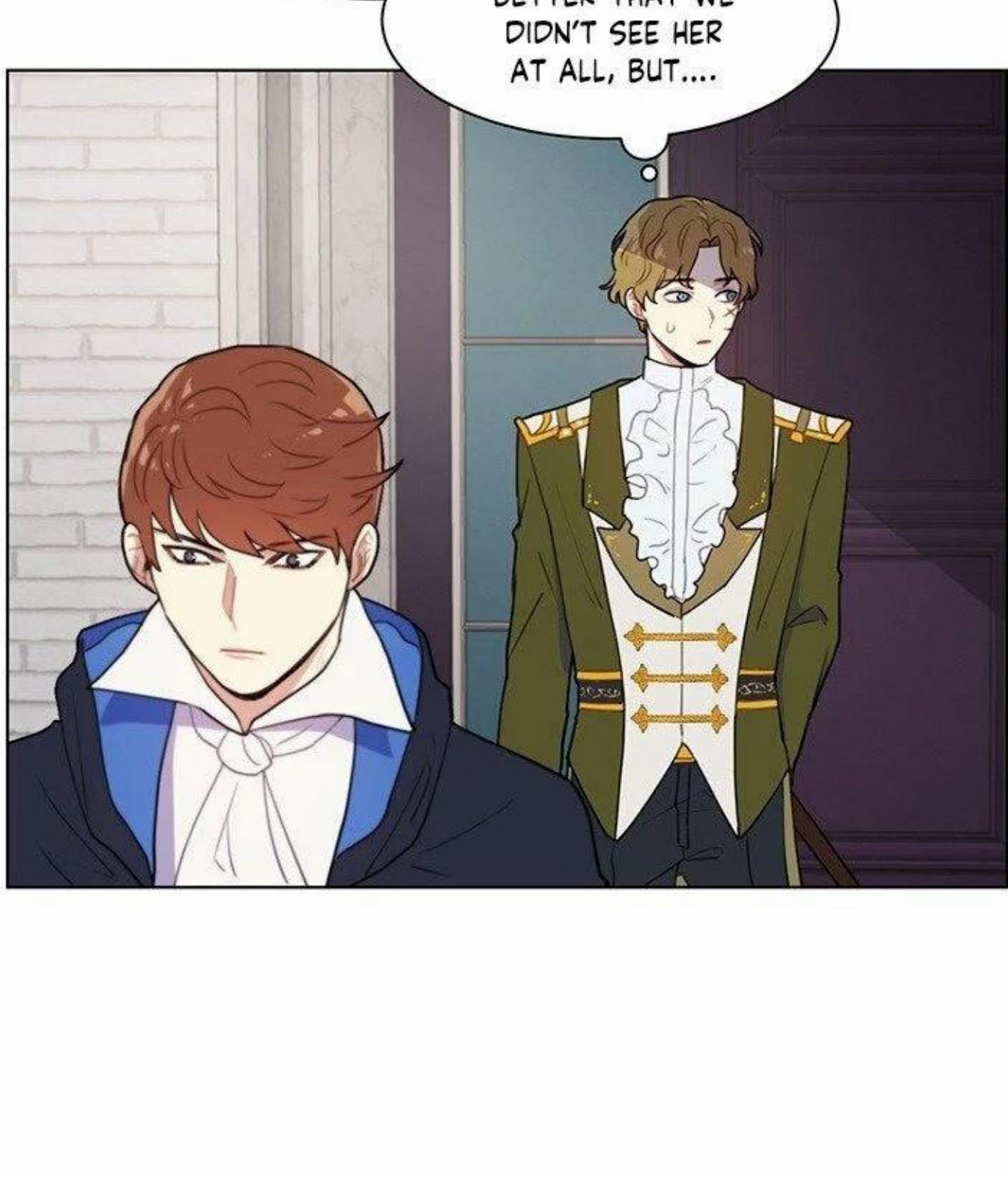
WHAT  
IS THIS?

**STARES**













AND BROTHER,  
A LONG TIME AGO,  
YOU WERE...



HIS HIGHNESS  
IS COMING.

WHAT ARE YOU  
ALL DOING? PAY  
ATTENTION!

!

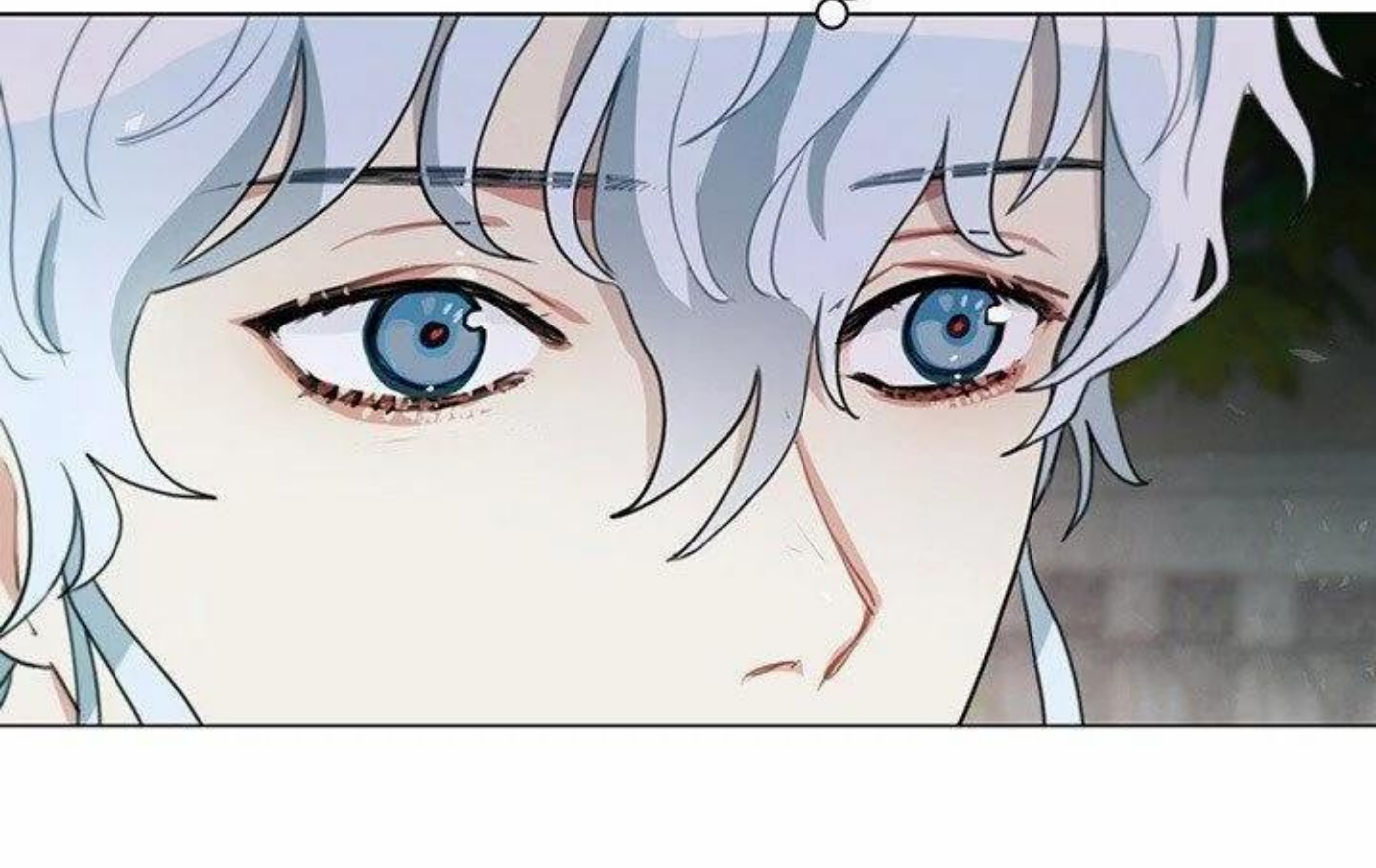
ARE YOU  
HEADING BACK?



THE COACHMAN  
WENT TO RETRIEVE  
THE HORSES AND  
THE CARRIAGE.

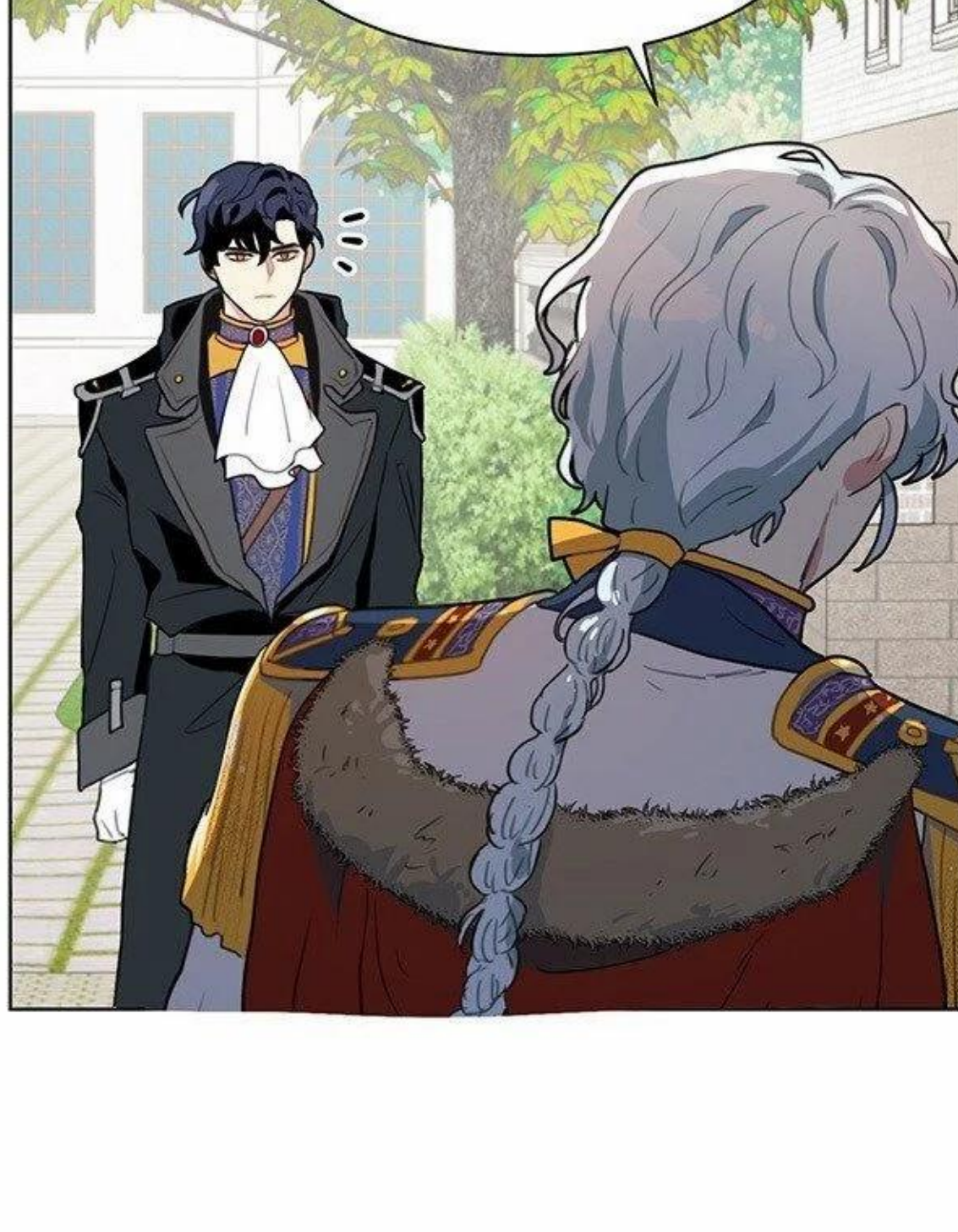
I'M TERRIBLY  
SORRY, PLEASE WAIT  
JUST A MOMENT.

AH.



...I KEEP LETTING  
MY GUARD DOWN  
UNCONSCIOUSLY.

...YOU PROBABLY KNOW  
ALREADY, BUT THERE WILL  
BE A VICTORY CELEBRATION  
AT THE PALACE SOON.



I HOPE YOU'LL  
ATTEND THIS TIME  
AROUND TO HONOR  
THE OCCASION,



DUKE  
RAYBURN.



I'M NOT GOING,  
YOUR HIGHNESS. YOU  
KNOW I HATE THOSE  
KINDS OF EVENTS.

I'LL SEE YOU  
OUT, SO PLEASE  
LEAVE.

THAT'S WHY I'VE  
COME HERE PERSONALLY  
TO REQUEST YOUR  
PRESENCE.

I'M SURE  
EVERYONE WILL WANT  
TO SEE THE ESPELINDO FAMILY,  
WHO PLAYED A BIG ROLE  
IN THE WAR.

I'M NOT  
GOING.

THERE'S STILL  
SOME TIME, SO  
THINK ABOUT IT.

AND I'LL  
LEAVE THE MONTAGE  
HERE AS WELL.

THERE'S  
NO NEED.

AS I'VE SAID  
EARLIER, I DON'T  
KNOW THAT PERSON  
ANYWAY.

TAKE IT.  
AND...

PAT

PROTECT THE  
AUTHOR WELL.

WHISPER

!



YOU REALIZE  
YOUR FAMILY WILL  
BE IN RUINS IF YOU  
LET ME TAKE HER  
FROM YOU?



*HOW...*



*HOW  
DID HE...?*

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DID HE FIGURE OUT THAT  
I'M HIDING THE AUTHOR? I WAS  
CAREFUL NOT TO LET ANYTHING  
SHOW ON MY FACE THOUGH.



WAIT,

YOU SAID YOU  
SAW THIS PERSON  
IN THE VILLAGE?



WHY?

ARE THEY NOT  
SUPPOSED TO BE  
THERE?

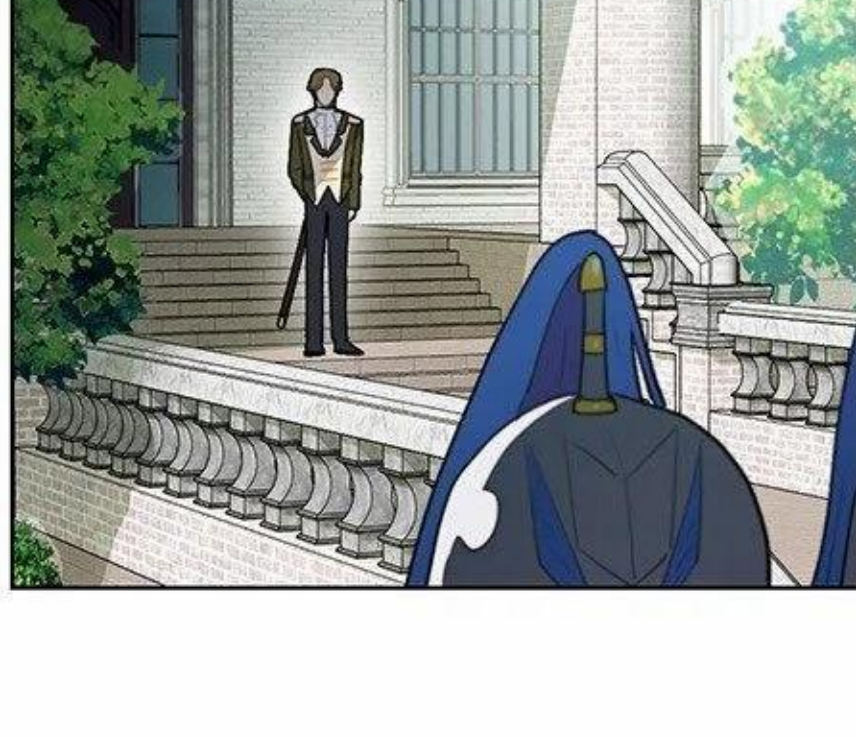


SHIT, I  
SHOULDN'T HAVE  
SAID THAT.

IS HE JUST  
TESTING ME?



SHE SHOULD BE IN  
HER ROOM...



SHE RAN AWAY.







I THOUGHT SHE  
WOULD STAY BY MY  
SIDE FOREVER.



WHY DOES  
EVERYTHING AND  
EVERYONE AROUND  
ME RUN AWAY?

IF IT WAS GOING  
TO END UP LIKE THIS,  
I SHOULD HAVE CHASED  
THEM OUT FIRST.



YOUR HIGHNESS,  
I WAS PLANNING ON  
REPORTING THIS LATER, BUT  
MAY I SPEAK NOW?



I SAW AN EMPTY ROOM  
WITHIN THE DUKE'S MANSION  
THAT SEEMED TO BELONG  
TO SOMEONE.

IT SEEMED LIKE A  
GIRL'S ROOM.

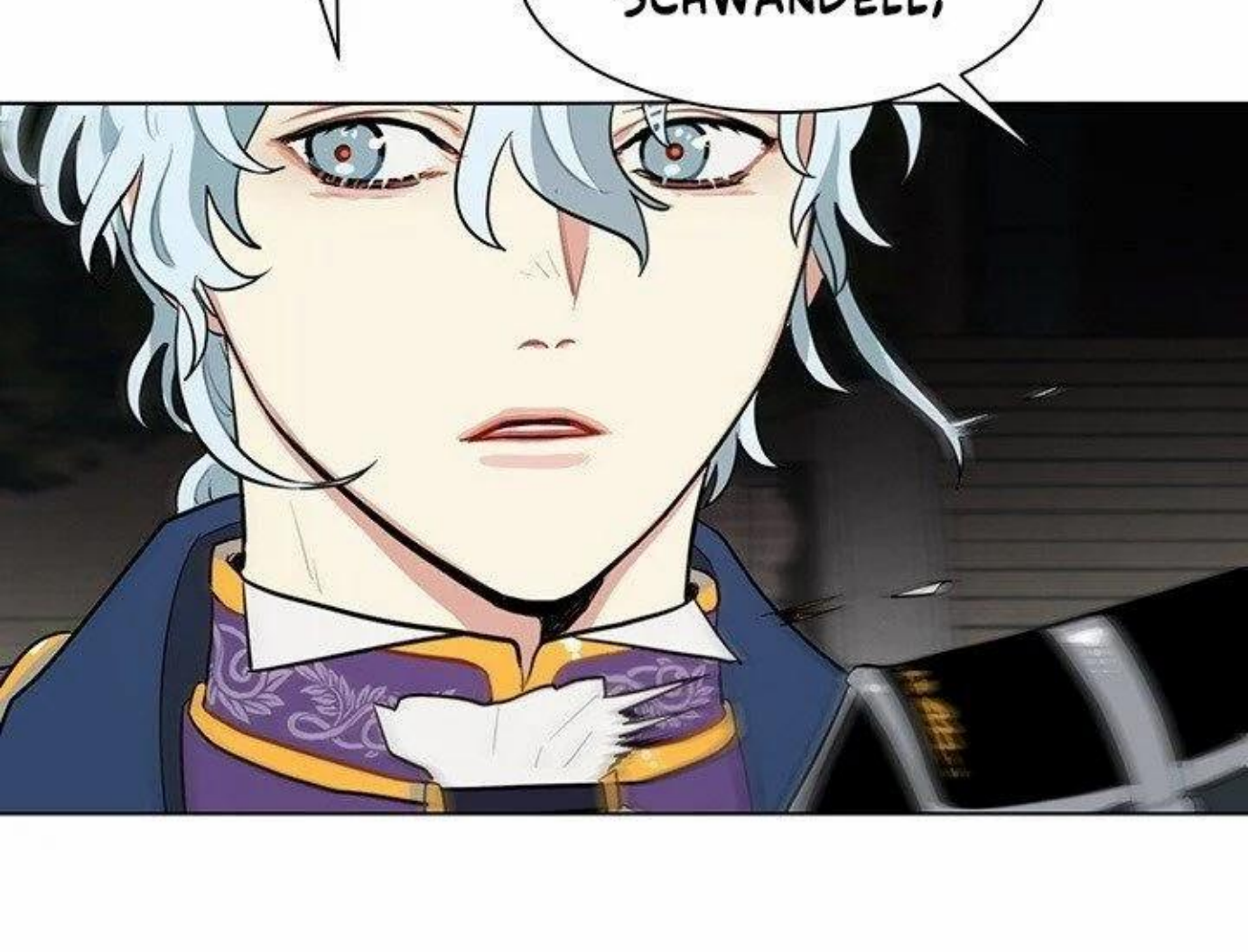


WE HEARD THAT  
THE AUTHOR WAS FEMALE  
WHEN WE WERE CREATING  
THE MONTAGE.

IS THE DUKE PERHAPS HIDING  
SOMETHING...? OR...?











WHAT...!

GRAB

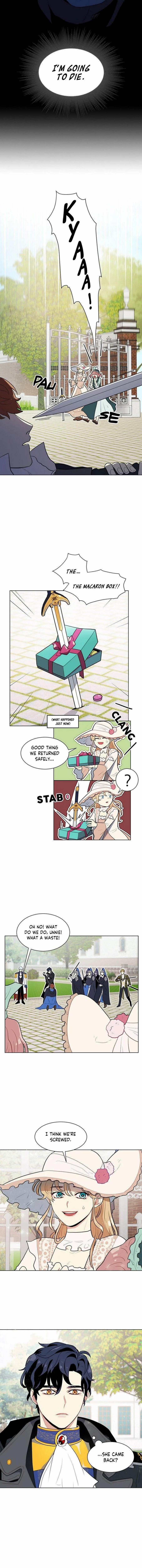
UGH!

BOURBON!

UGH...!

SIR FERPERIC!





I'M GOING TO DIE.

KYAAA!

PAU

SE

THE...

THE MACARON BOX!!

(WHAT HAPPENED JUST NOW)

GOOD THING WE RETURNED SAFELY...

CLANG

?

STAB O

OH NO! WHAT DO WE DO, UNNIE! WHAT A WASTE!

I THINK WE'RE SCREWED.

...SHE CAME BACK?





UGH, SO THIS IS WHERE THE ROYAL KNIGHTS WERE HEADED.



I WOULD'VE COME IN THROUGH THE BACK GATE IF I KNEW. I WAS IN SUCH A RUSH, I DIDN'T THINK ABOUT IT.

MACARON, DON'T DIE!

THAT'S HER.



THE PERSON I SAID I SAW IN THE STREETS.

AH...THIS TIMING IS JUST...



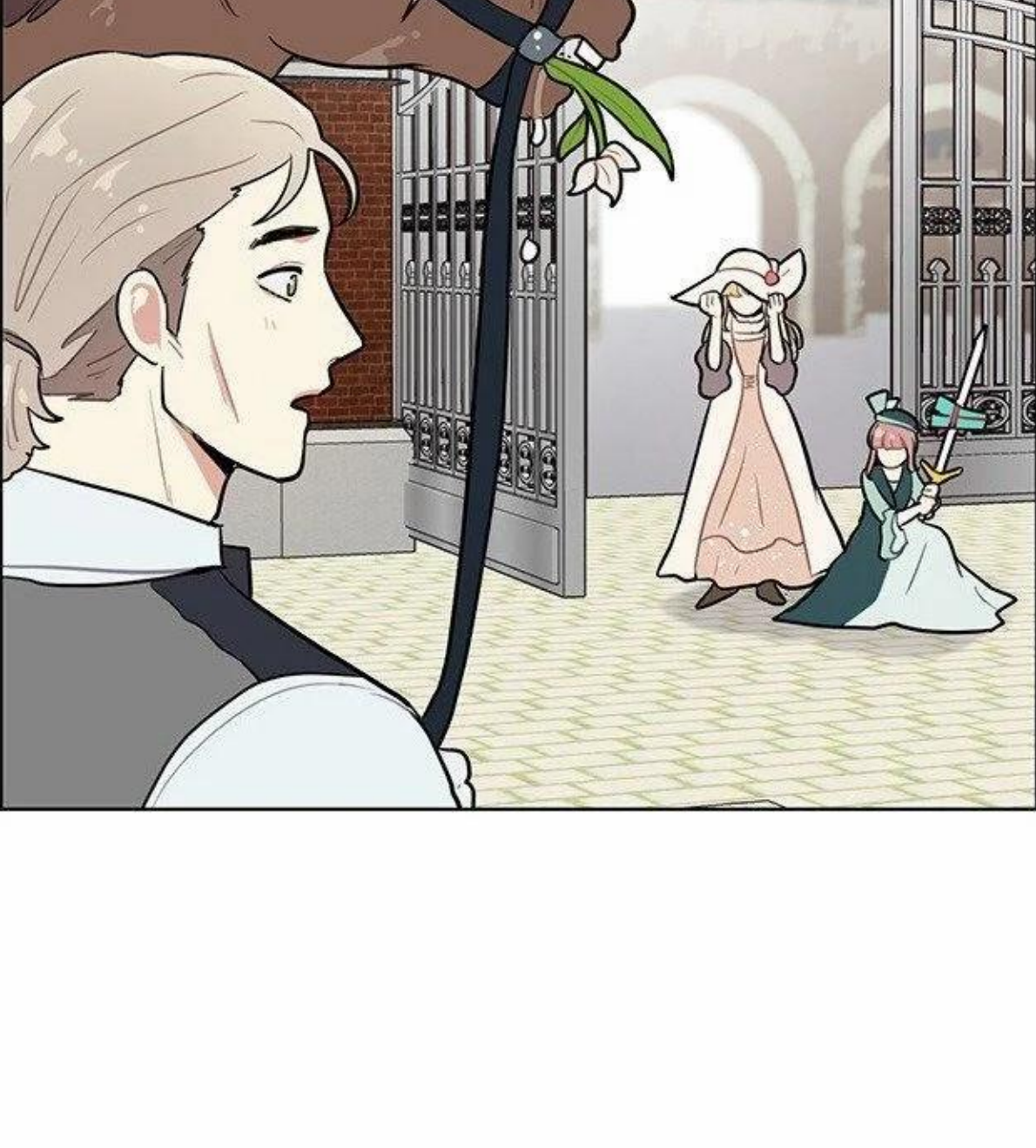
IS SHE STAYING HERE?

SHE SEEMS LIKE AN INTERESTING PERSON. MAY I ASK WHO SHE IS?



MISS SCHOLAR!

YOU WENT OUT? I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST LIZZIE.



?

HUH, WHAT'S GOING ON?

?

THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO KNOW.





MISS SCHOLAR?



MY LIBRARIAN NEEDED  
AN ASSISTANT, SO I  
BROUGHT HER HERE.



...A SCHOLAR,  
HAHA.

I SEE.



I APOLOGIZE FOR  
THE COMMOTION. I WILL BE  
SURE TO KEEP MY GUARD  
UNDER CONTROL.



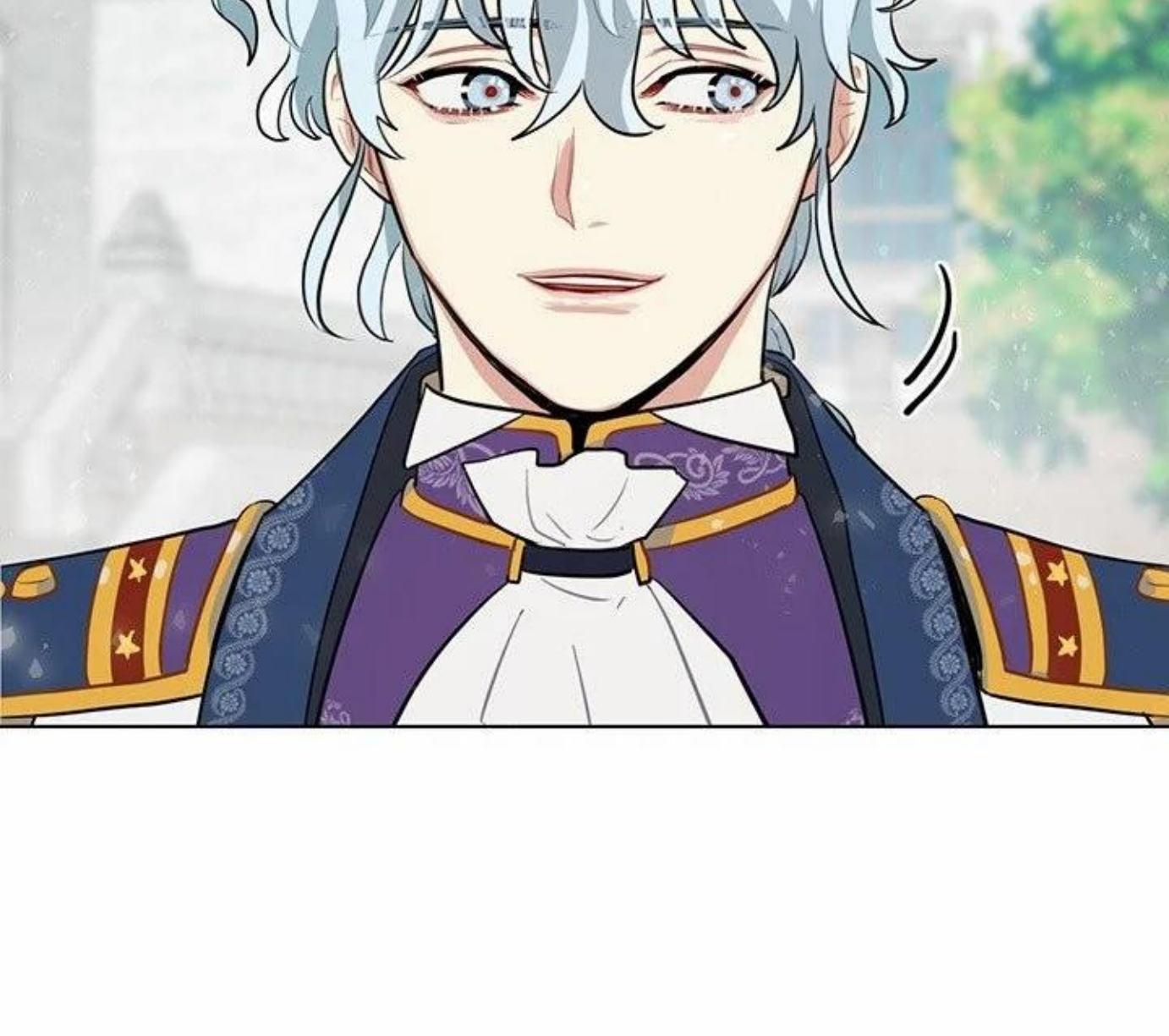
BOURBON, GO BE ON  
STANDBY BY THE GATE.

...YES, YOUR  
HIGHNESS.

I'LL GET GOING THEN.  
YOU NEEDN'T SEE ME OUT.  
YOU MUST BE TIRED, SO YOU  
SHOULD GET SOME REST.



I HOPE YOUR NEW  
SCHOLAR WILL ALSO  
COME TO THE PARTY SO  
THAT I CAN GREET  
HER PROPERLY.



YOU TWO ABSOLUTELY  
MUST ATTEND.



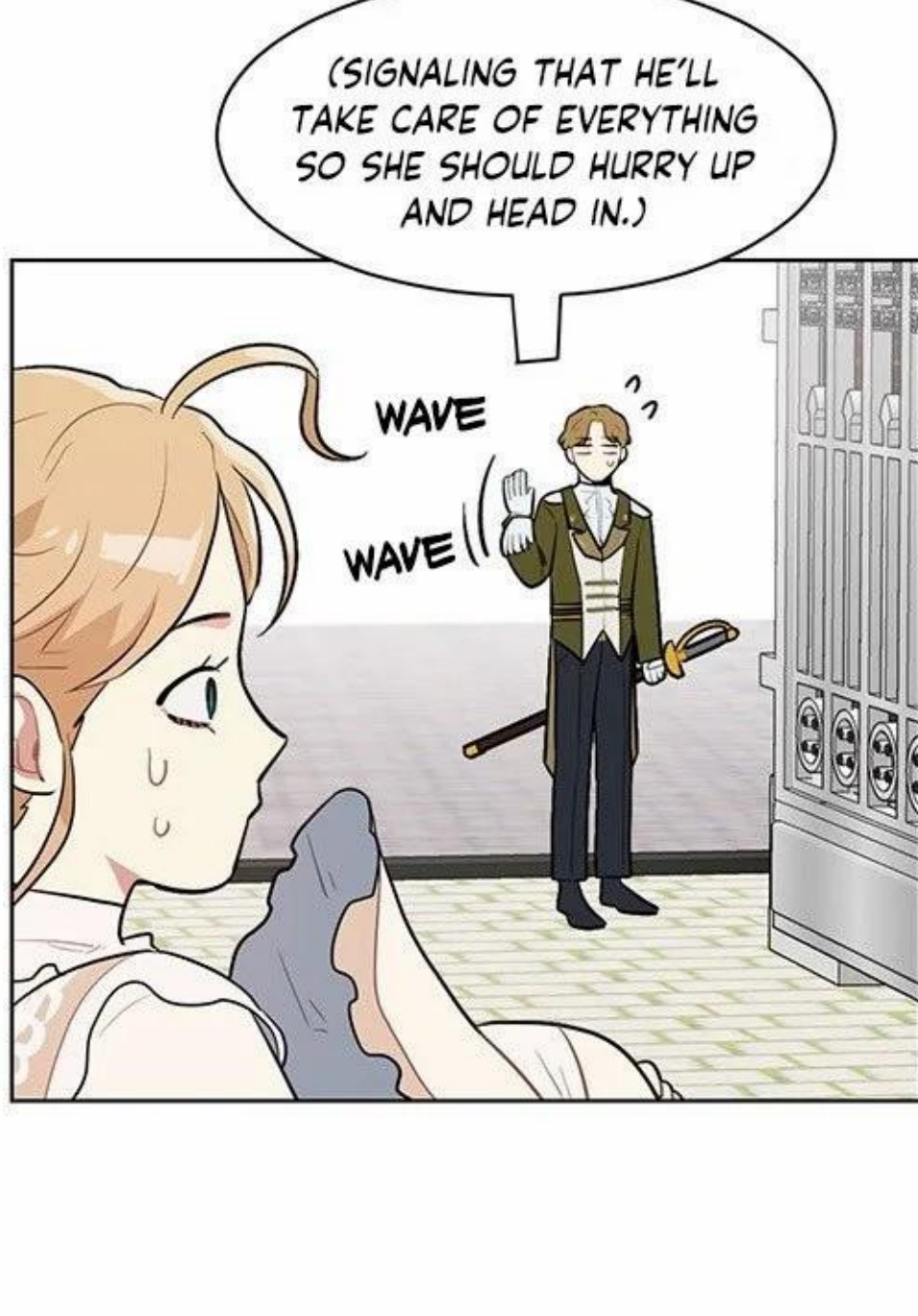
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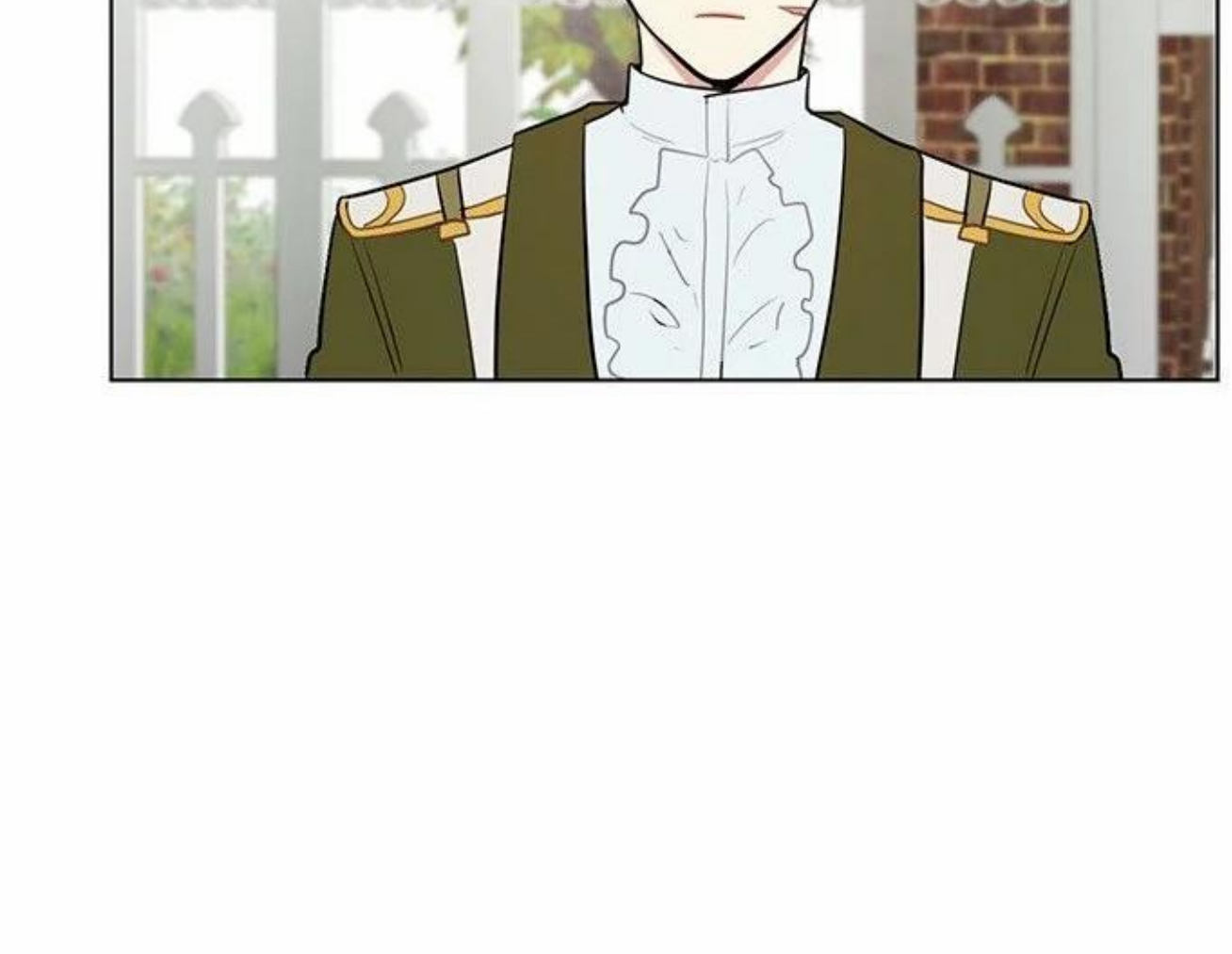
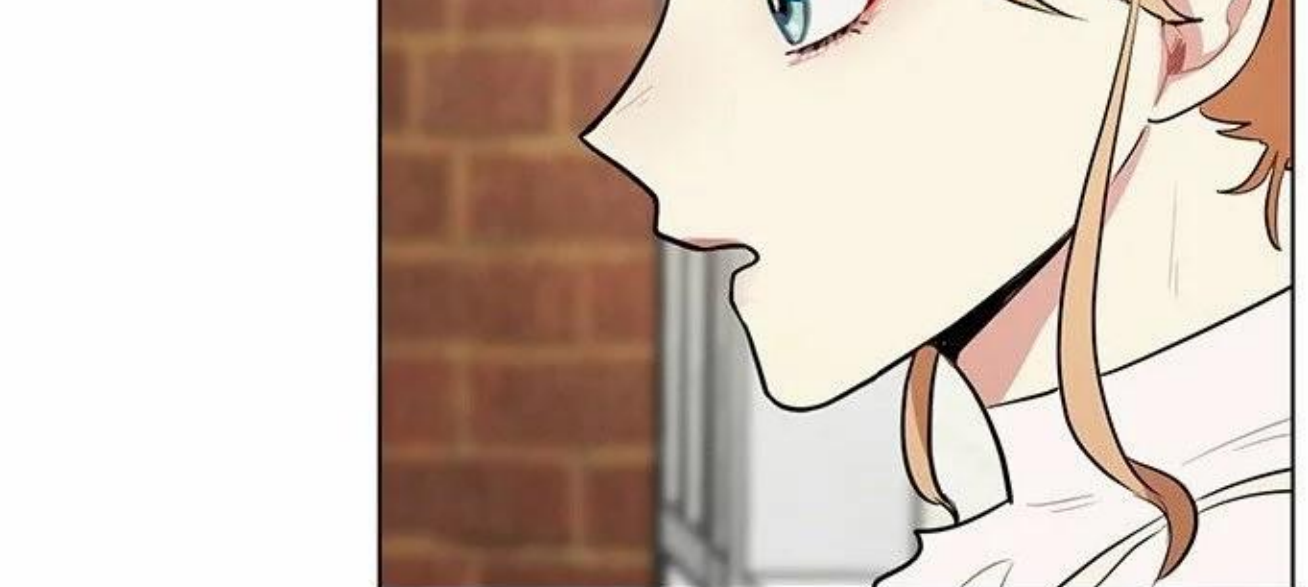
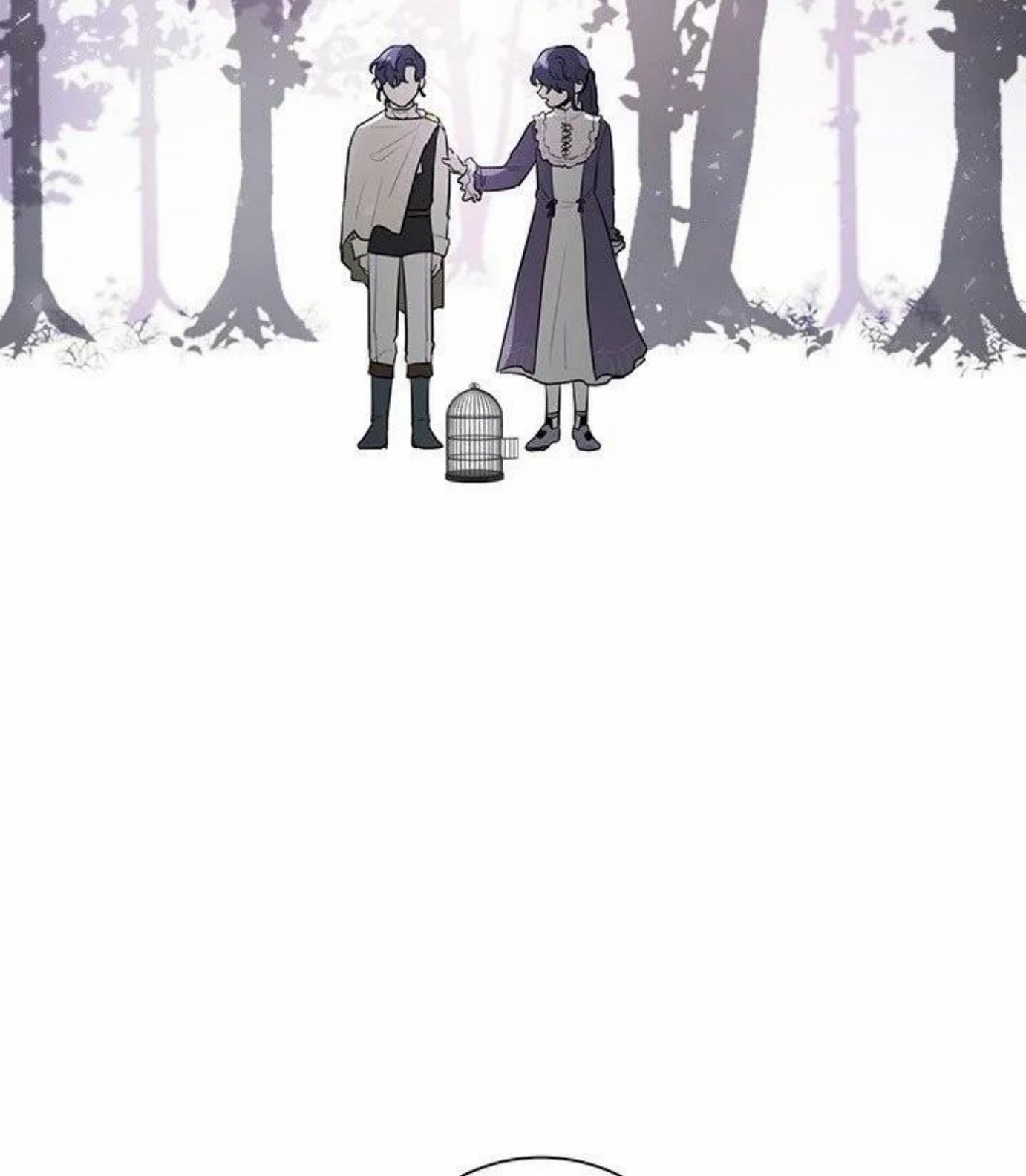
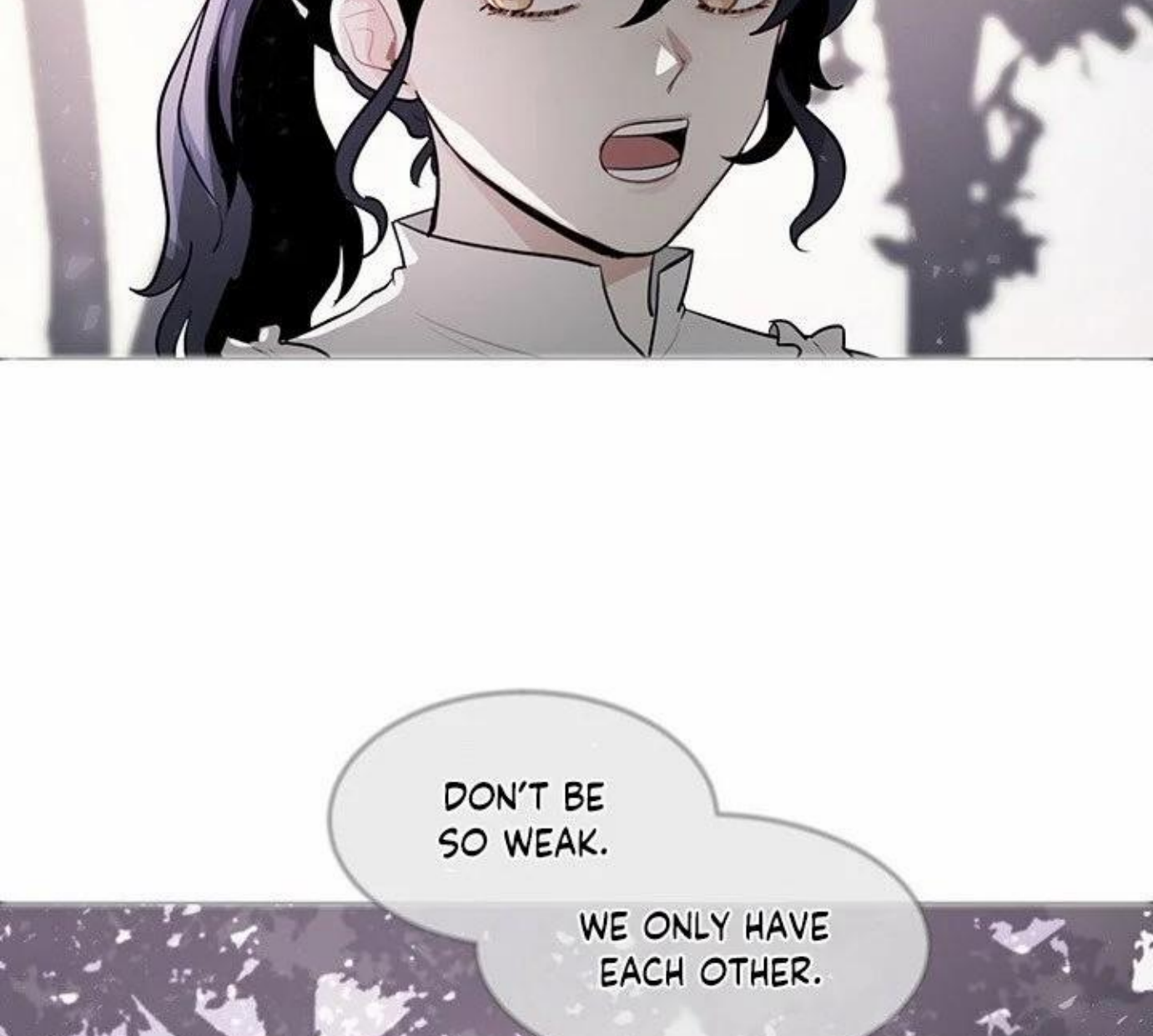
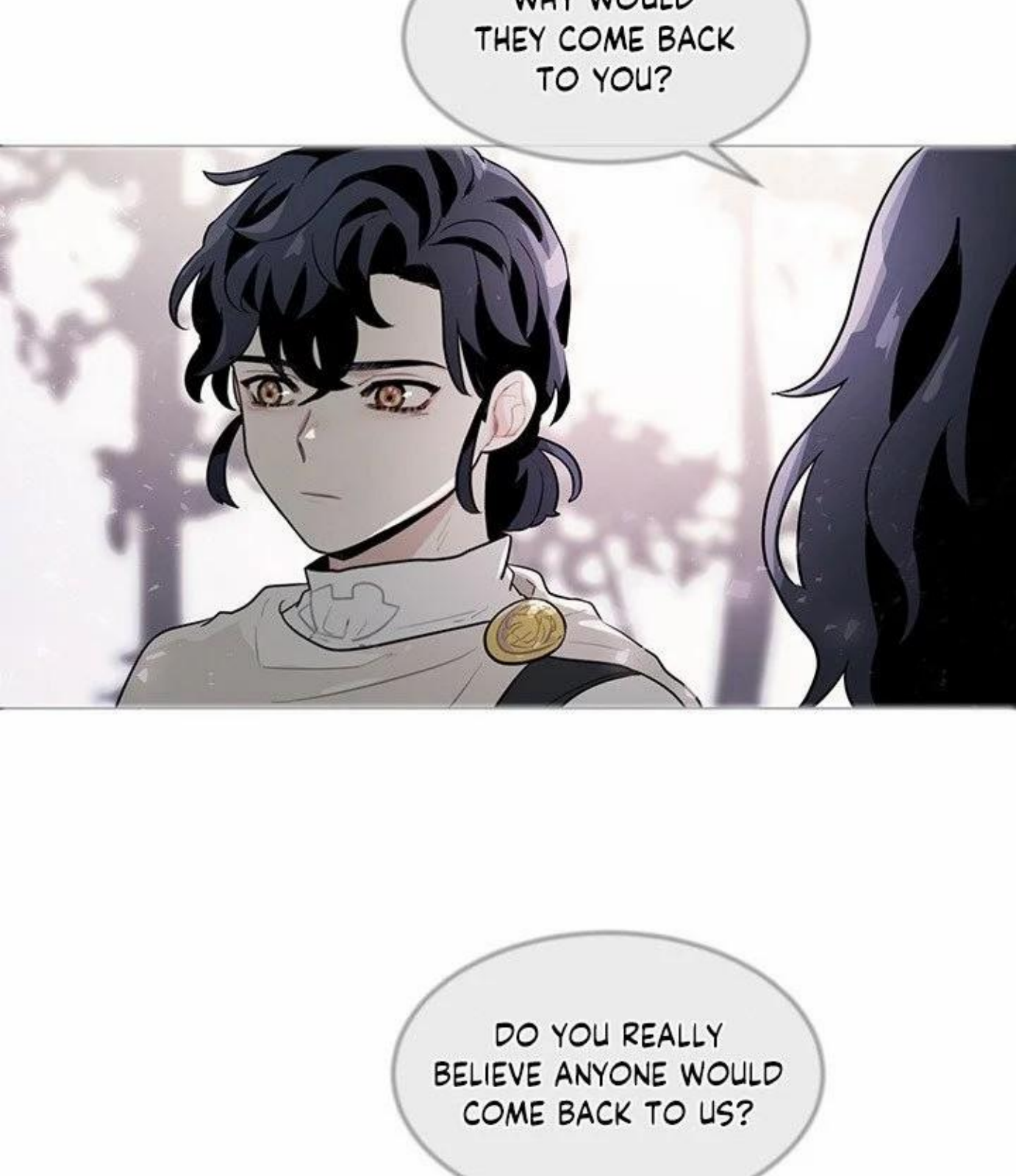




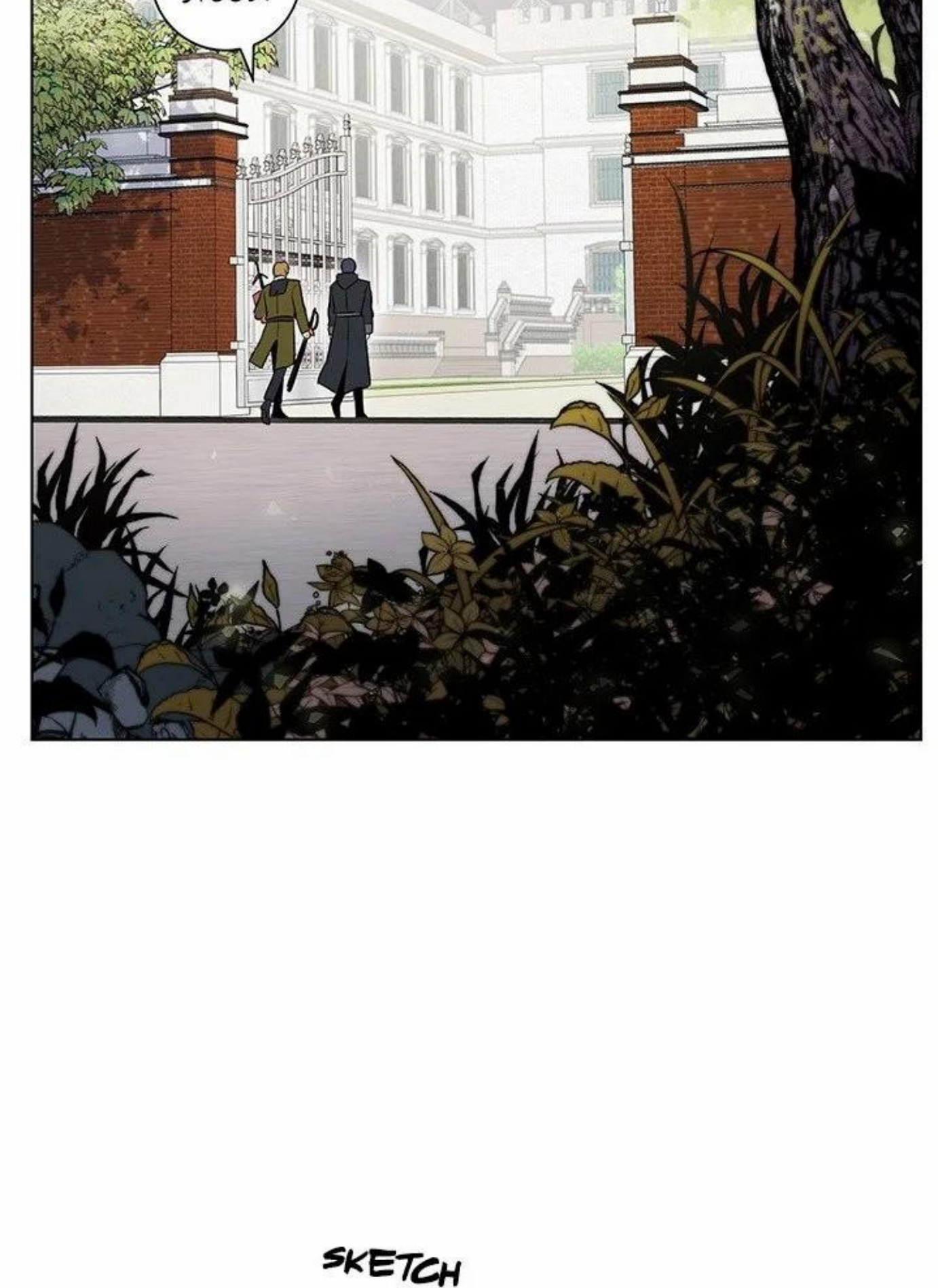
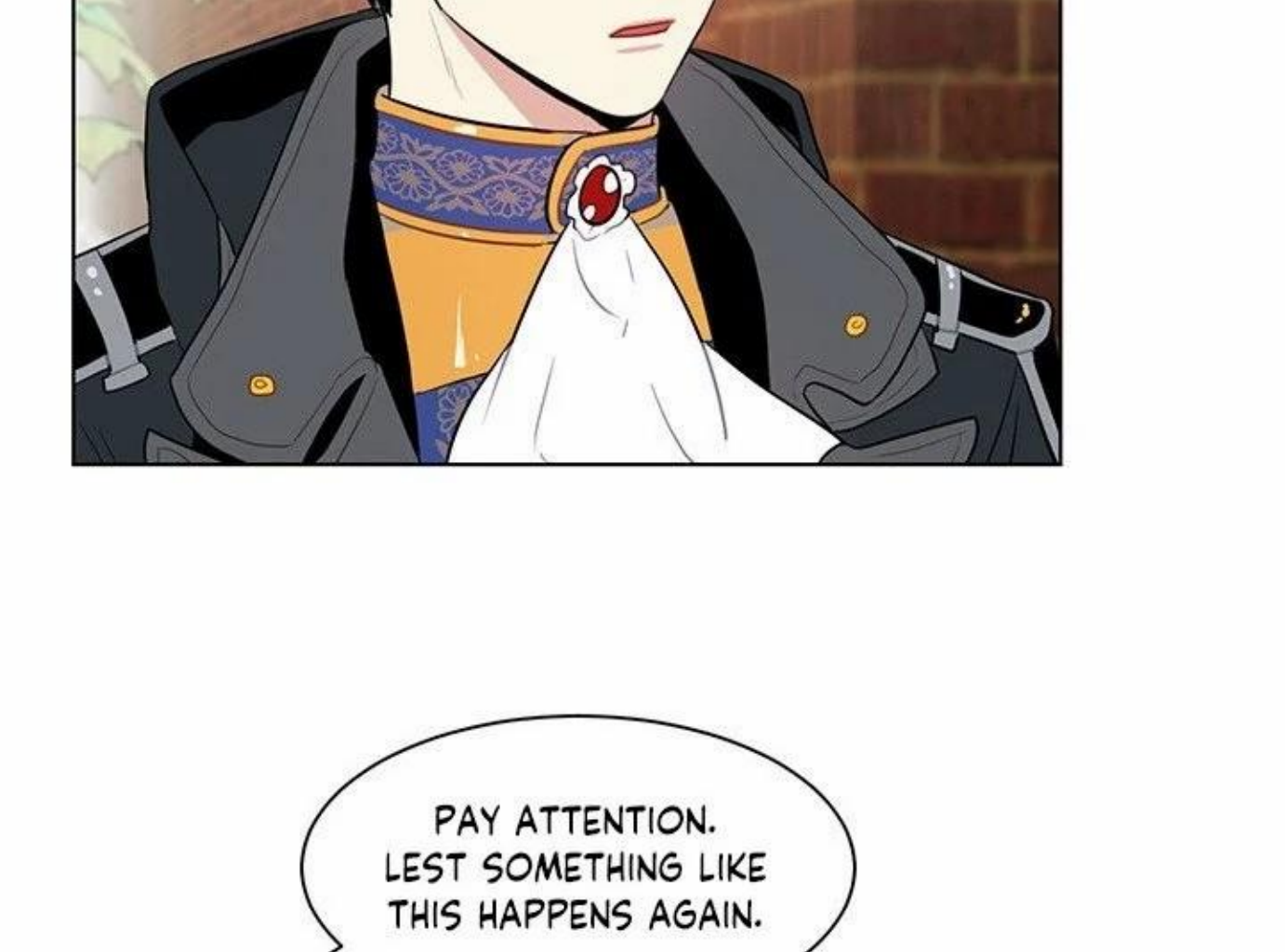
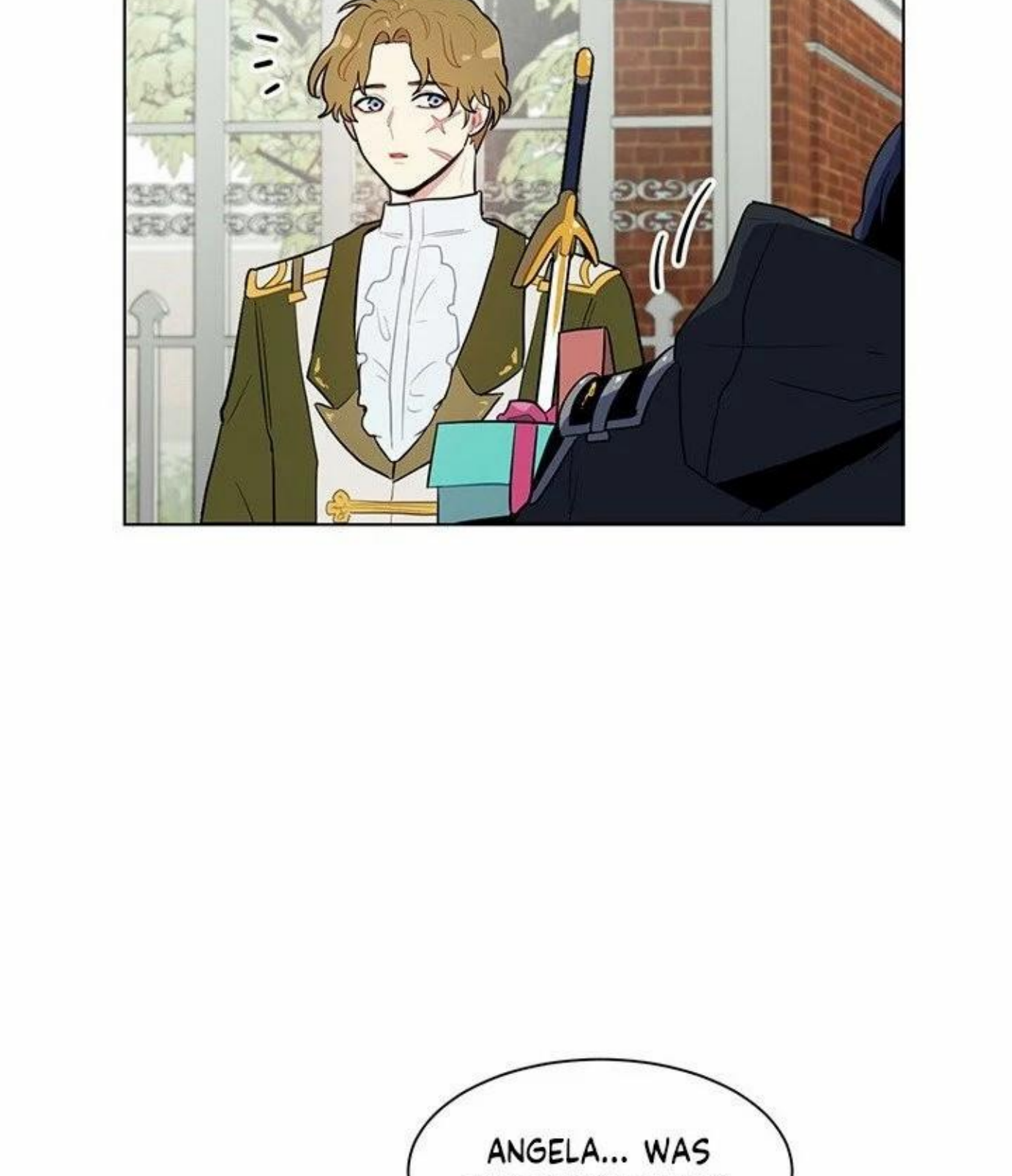
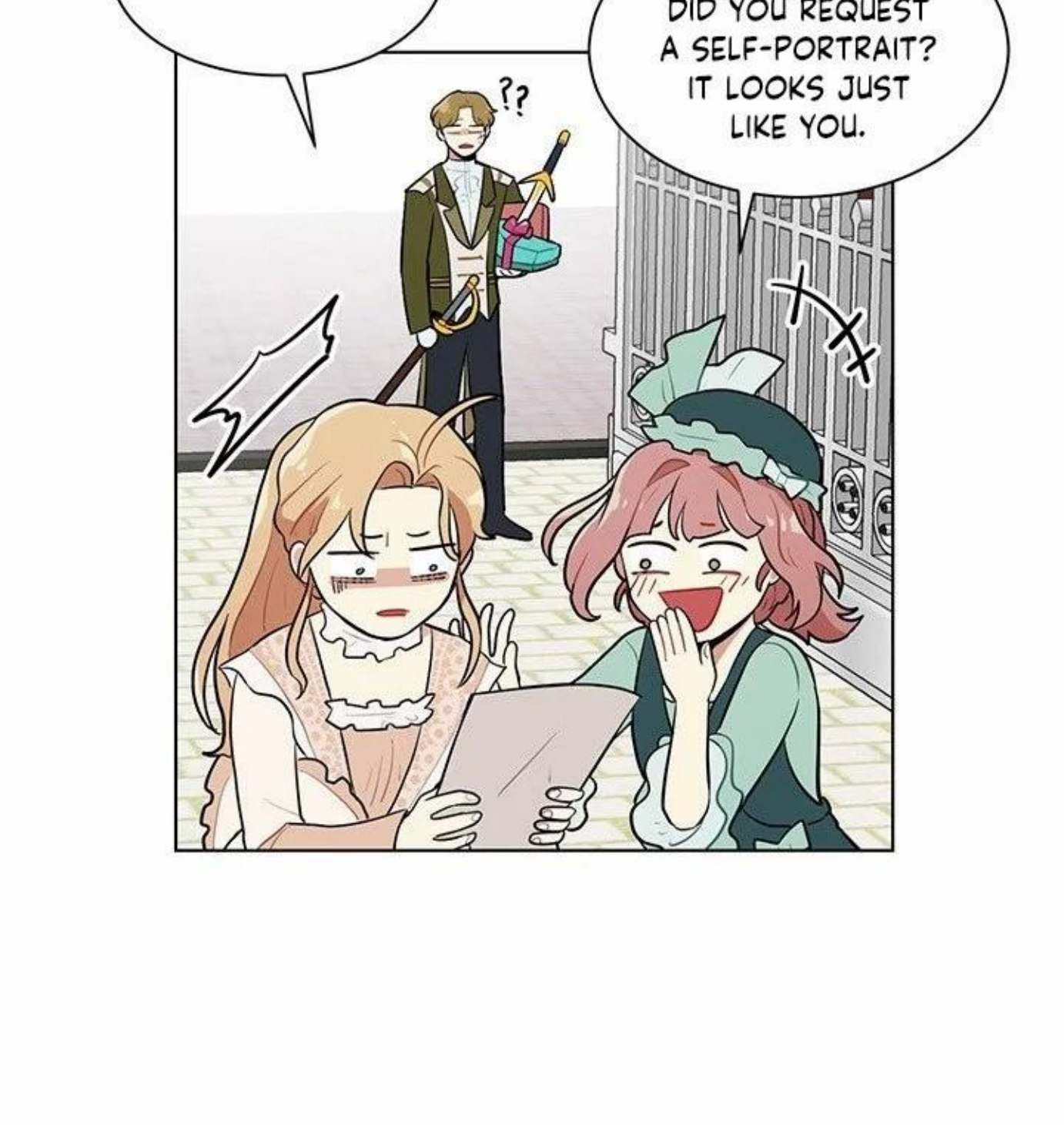
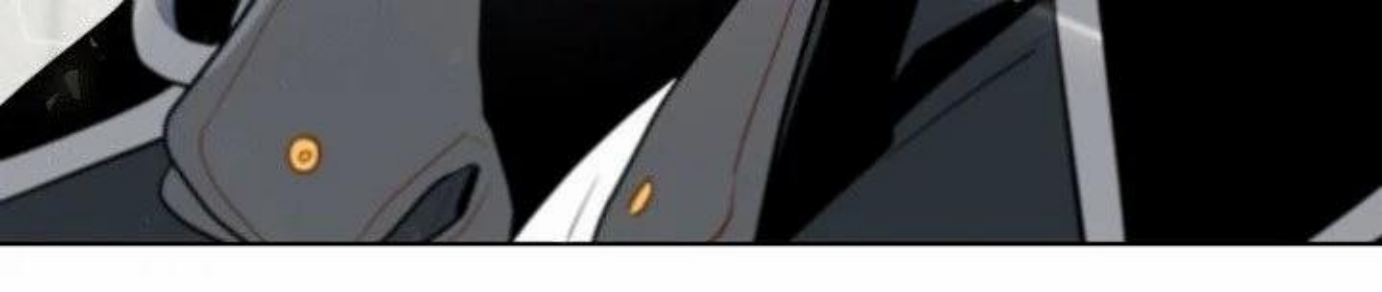
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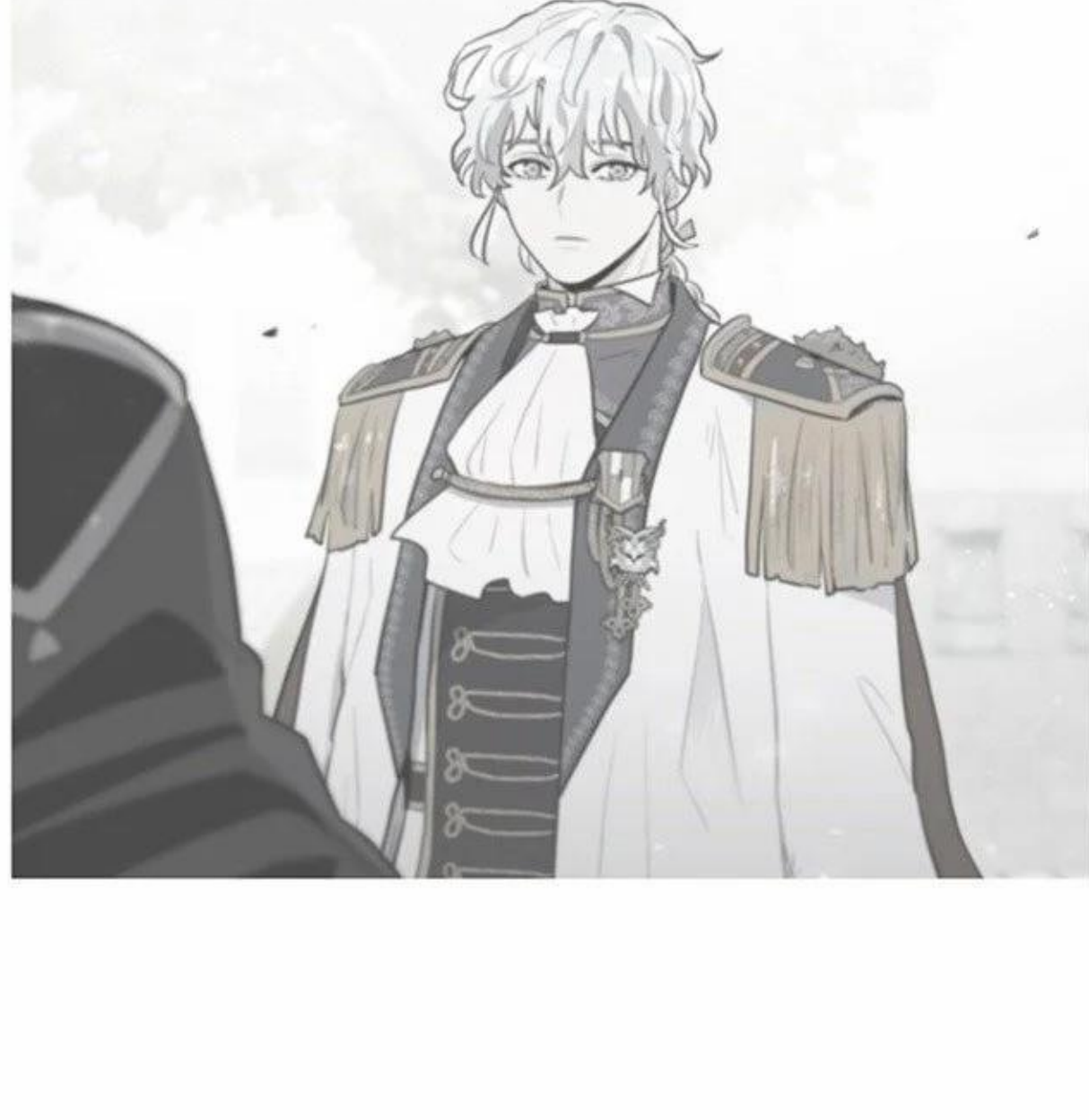




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SIR FERDERIC...



HAVE YOU CALMED DOWN?

I APOLOGIZE FOR SHOWING YOU SUCH A WEAK SIDE OF ME.



THE DUKE IS THE STRONGEST PERSON IN THE EMPIRE. IT COULDN'T BE HELPED.



MORE IMPORTANTLY,  
WAS ANYTHING ELSE SPECIAL  
ABOUT THE ROOM?

THERE WASN'T  
REALLY ANYTHING IN  
THE ROOM.

EITHER THEY WERE  
UNABLE TO BRING THEIR  
THINGS BECAUSE THEY  
WERE IN A HURRY,

OR THEY OWNED NOTHING  
IN THE FIRST PLACE.

...IT'S  
PROBABLY  
BOTH.

AND YOU'RE  
NOT WEAK AT ALL,  
BOURBON.

HUH?

YOU'RE DOING  
VERY WELL.

SO DON'T WORRY  
AND JUST ACT AS YOUR  
HEART DESIRES.

...YES, YOUR  
HIGHNESS.

**RATTLE**

**RATTLE**

...A PARTY...

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THREE DAYS  
PASSED SINCE  
THE COMMOTION

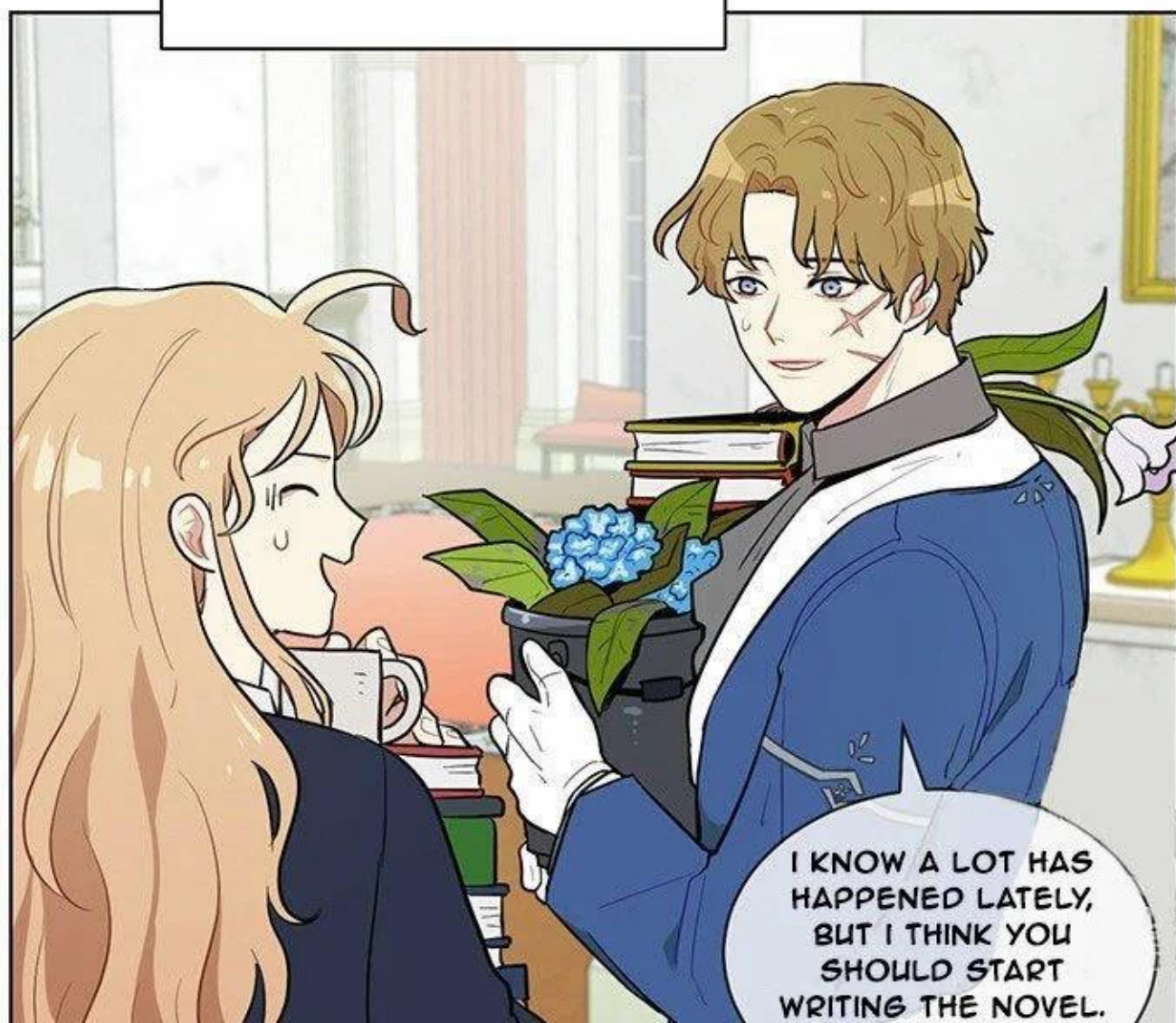
~ PEACEFUL ~







SINCE YESTERDAY,  
SIR AGATE HAS BEEN  
TELLING ME TO BE  
MORE CAREFUL.



I KNOW A LOT HAS  
HAPPENED LATELY,  
BUT I THINK YOU  
SHOULD START  
WRITING THE NOVEL.



AND LIZZIE SHOWED  
ME AROUND THE  
MANSION.

THAT PLACE IS  
FILLED WITH RATS,  
SO PLEASE BE  
CAREFUL~






IT LOOKED  
LIKE A  
WONDERFUL  
PLACE.

Good Morning ~

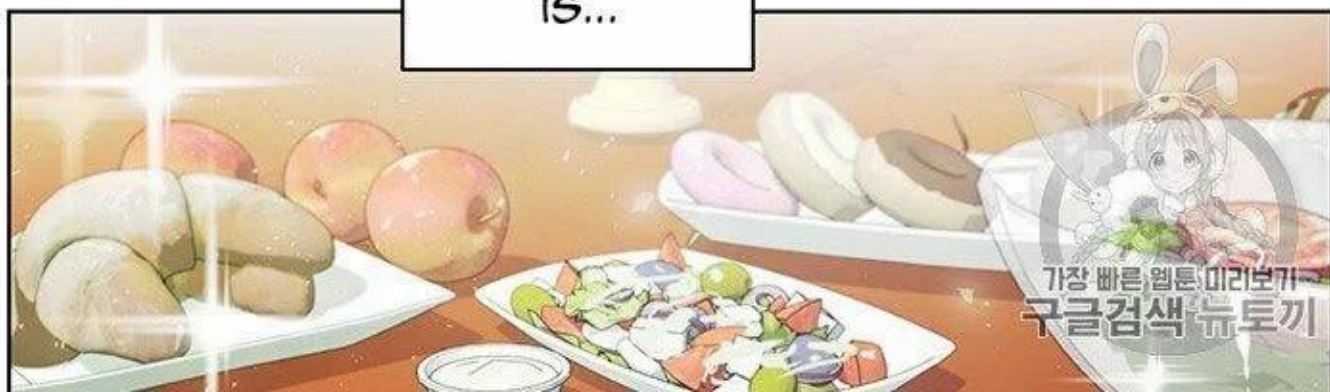
Good Morning  
Scholar!





THE WORKERS  
ARE VERY KIND  
TOO, I LIKE  
THEM.

BUT THE  
BEST PART  
IS...



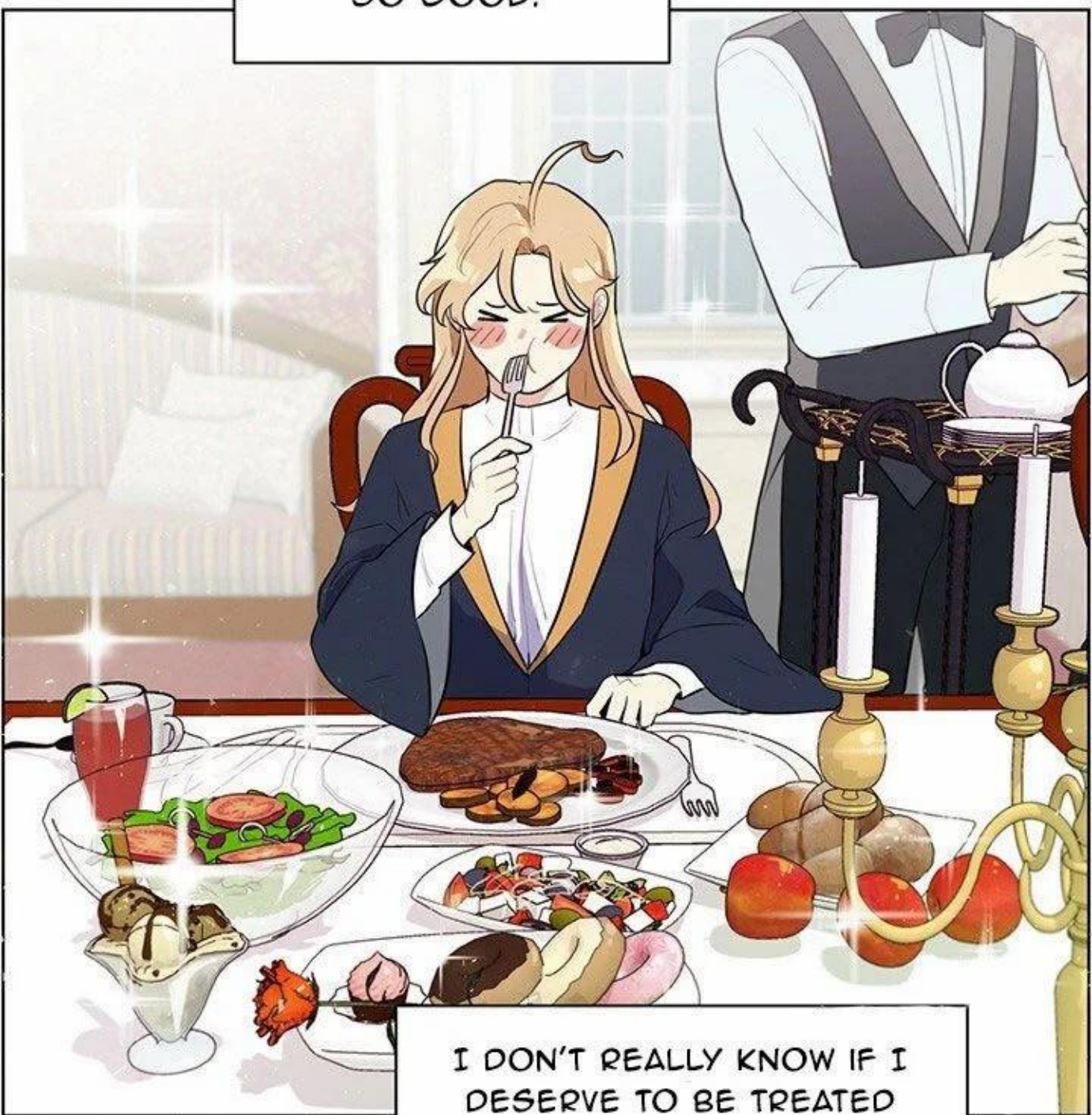




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THE DELICIOUS  
FOOD! IT TASTES  
SO GOOD!



I DON'T REALLY KNOW IF I  
DESERVE TO BE TREATED  
LIKE THIS...JUST A FEW DAYS  
AGO, I COULDN'T EVEN  
DREAM OF THIS KIND OF LIFE




LIZZIE!

TELL US  
AGAIN!

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LIZZIE WAS SO  
WORRIED ABOUT NOT  
BEING ABLE TO ADAPT,

BUT AFTER THAT INCIDENT,  
SHE BECAME REALLY  
POPULAR AMONG THE MAIDS,  
PROBABLY BECAUSE SHE  
WAS SO CLOSE TO THE  
SCENE

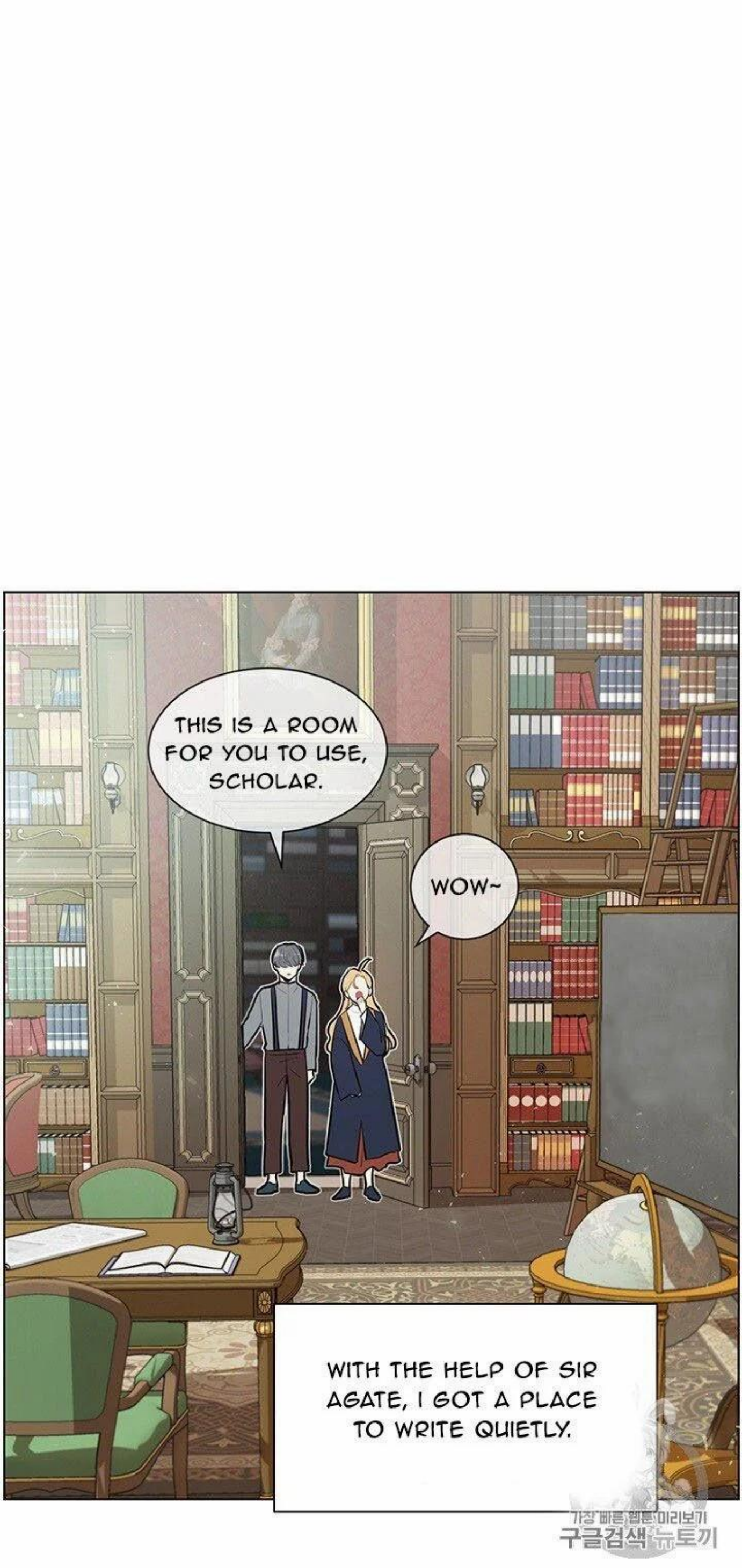




NOW I JUST NEED TO  
WORRY ABOUT MYSELF.







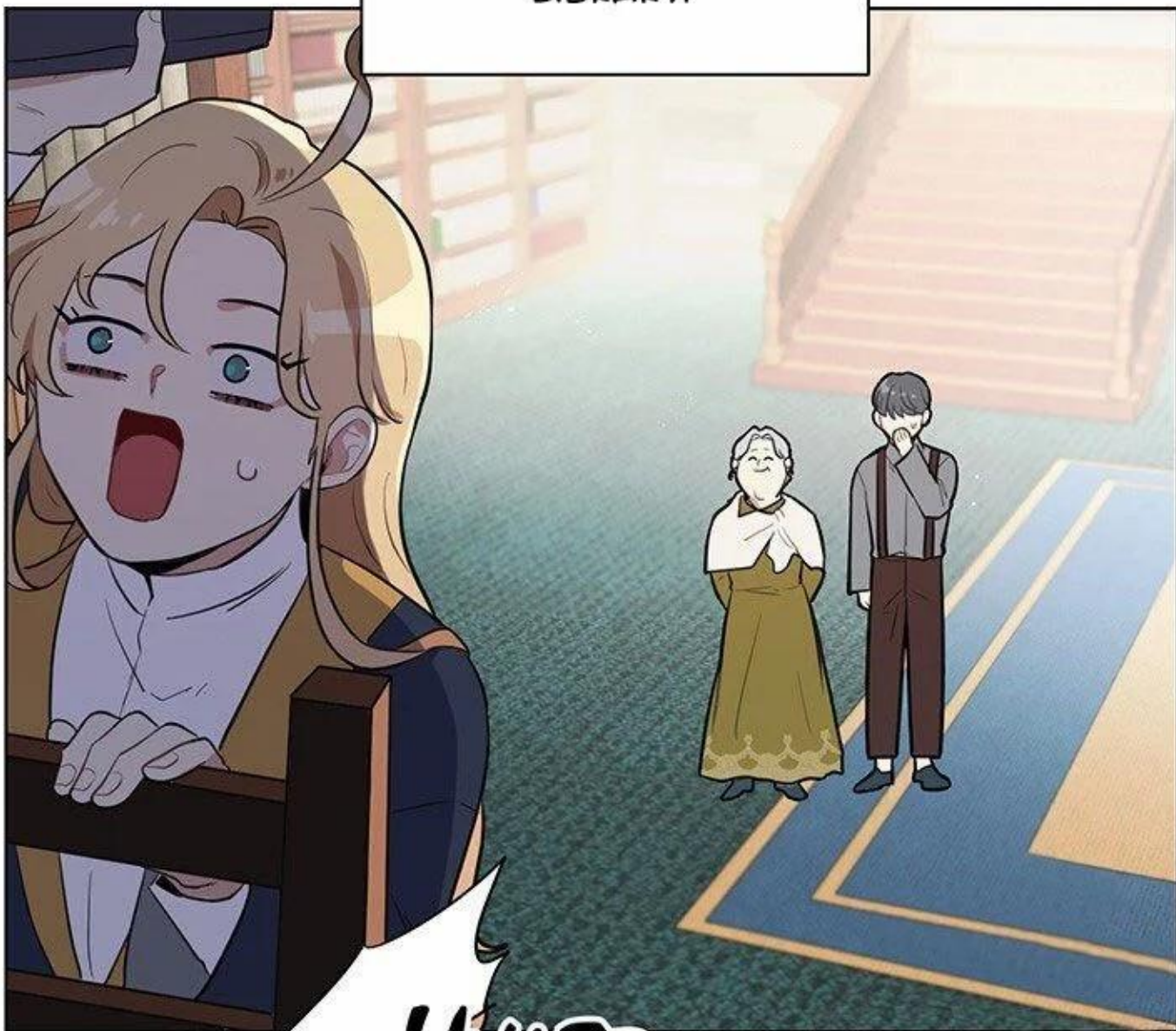
THIS IS A ROOM  
FOR YOU TO USE,  
SCHOLAR.

WOW~

WITH THE HELP OF SIR  
AGATE, I GOT A PLACE  
TO WRITE QUIETLY.



SO I SPENT MOST  
OF MY TIME IN THE  
LIBRARY.



SFX : SLIP

SLIP







**THUD!**

WELL  
ANYWAY..

SINCE I'M IN A GOOD  
MOOD, I DECIDED TO  
START WRITING THE  
SEQUEL OF THE  
STORY.





I'M  
SCREWED.





I ALREADY SPENT THE WHOLE MORNING THINKING, BUT I'M STILL AT THE TITLE.



BUT SINCE I HAVE TO BE CAREFUL WITH WHAT I'M WRITING... I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING GOOD TO WRITE.

AAH- I'M GOING CRAZY.. LET'S STOP.

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SFX : SIGH





AFTER THAT INCIDENT,  
THE PRINCE DIDN'T  
COME OUT OF HIS  
ROOM.

SINCE I HAD NO CHANCE  
TO RUN INTO HIM, I  
COULDN'T GET ANY  
INSPIRATION.



AT HOME, NOBODY KNEW  
I WAS A FAN, SO I  
COULD LOOK AT HIS  
PAPARAZZI DRAWINGS TO  
GET INSPIRED.



BUT I CAN'T DO  
THAT HERE.







AND LIZZIE'S DRAWINGS  
DIDN'T REALLY HELP  
EITHER..





I GUESS HE'S REALLY  
TIRED WITH HOW BUSY  
HE GOT SINCE HIS  
RETURN FROM THE  
WAR.





HE RESCUED ME ON THE NIGHT OF HIS RETURN, HE HAS A LOT OF THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT.



ARE YOU OKAY?

COME TO THINK OF IT, THAT PERSON IS THE CROWN PRINCE.

IT WAS MY FIRST TIME SEEING HIM.

HE'S REALLY HANDSOM.



ACTUALLY, THE PRINCE'S FRIENDLY APPARENCE IN THE NOVEL I WROTE,







THAT WAS JUST  
WHAT I HAD  
IMAGINED...

BUT WHEN I MET  
HIM IN PERSON..



(SPEACHLESS)



Trembling



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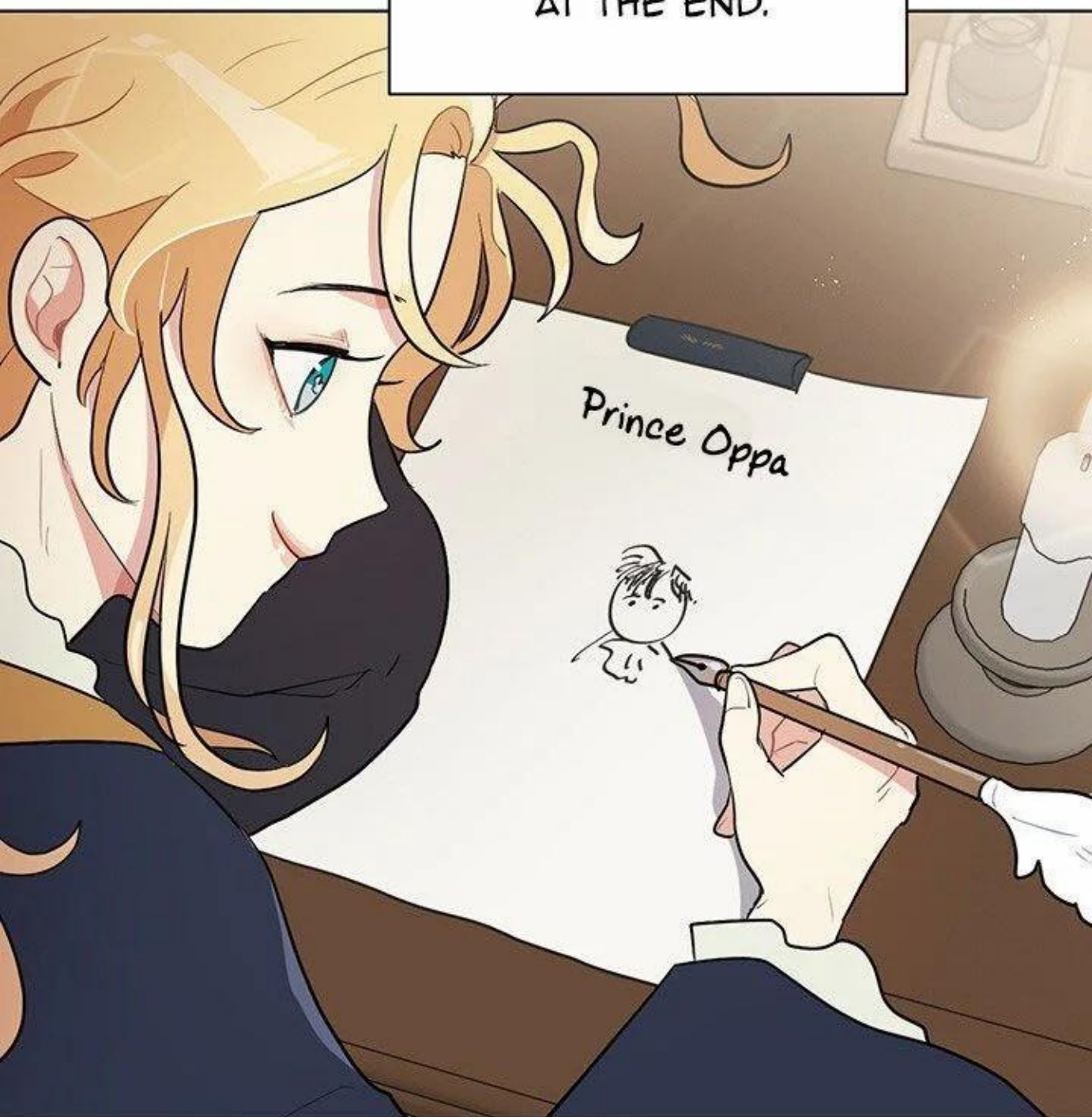
AH.. BUT NOW THAT  
IMAGE IS COMPLETELY  
GONE.



SFX : WIPE



BUT HE DID LAUGH  
AT THE END.





I THINK IF HE HAD  
DIMPLES LIKE THE  
PRINCESS, THAT WOULD  
LOOK REALLY CUTE.



IT WOULD BE  
NICE TO HEAR  
HIM LAUGH TOO.





HE  
HE  
HE



( STUNNED )

EXCUSE ME,  
SCHOLAR ANGELA

...





I NEED TO CLEAN THE  
LIBRARY, I'M AFRAID I  
HAVE TO ASK YOU TO  
LEAVE.

AH-  
YES.



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NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT  
IT, THE LIGHTS IN THE  
PRINCE'S ROOM ARE  
OFF TODAY.

WHERE DID HE  
GO?











I HAVEN'T SEEN THE  
GARDENER WHO TAKES  
CARE OF THE PLANTS  
EVERYDAY NEITHER.





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MAYBE THE PRINCE  
IS ACTUALLY IN THE  
OFFICE?













WOAH~



I'LL LEAVE AFTER  
LOOKING FOR A  
BIT...

ARE YOU DONE  
WRITING FOR THE  
DAY? COME ON IN.

AH-  
YES.



**(GOT CAUGHT)**

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WAIT A MINUTE,  
LET ME JUST  
CLEAN THIS UP.

IT WAS JUST  
SIR AGATE...

AH-NO..I JUST CAME  
HERE BECAUSE THE  
LIGHTS WERE ON.





WHAT'S ALL  
THIS??

THE WORK THAT  
GOT PUSHED BACK  
BEACUSE OF THE  
WAR.





UNLESS IT'S REALLY  
IMPORTANT, I'M THE  
ONE WHO TAKES CARE  
OF IT WHEN THE DUKE  
IS NOT HERE.

**VERY BUSY**







HE'S DYING...




BUT I NEED TO  
TAKE A BREAK.  
WHAT BRINGS YOU  
HERE?



OH-I'M SORRY I  
JUST THOUGHT THE  
PRINCE CAME OUT OF  
HIS ROOM.






THE DUKE IS OUT AT THE  
MOMENT, HE HAD AN  
IMPORTANT MEETING IN  
THE MORNING

HE QUIETLY WENT OUT  
FROM THE BACK DOOR  
SINCE HE DOESN'T LIKE  
THE FUSS.

I SEE...



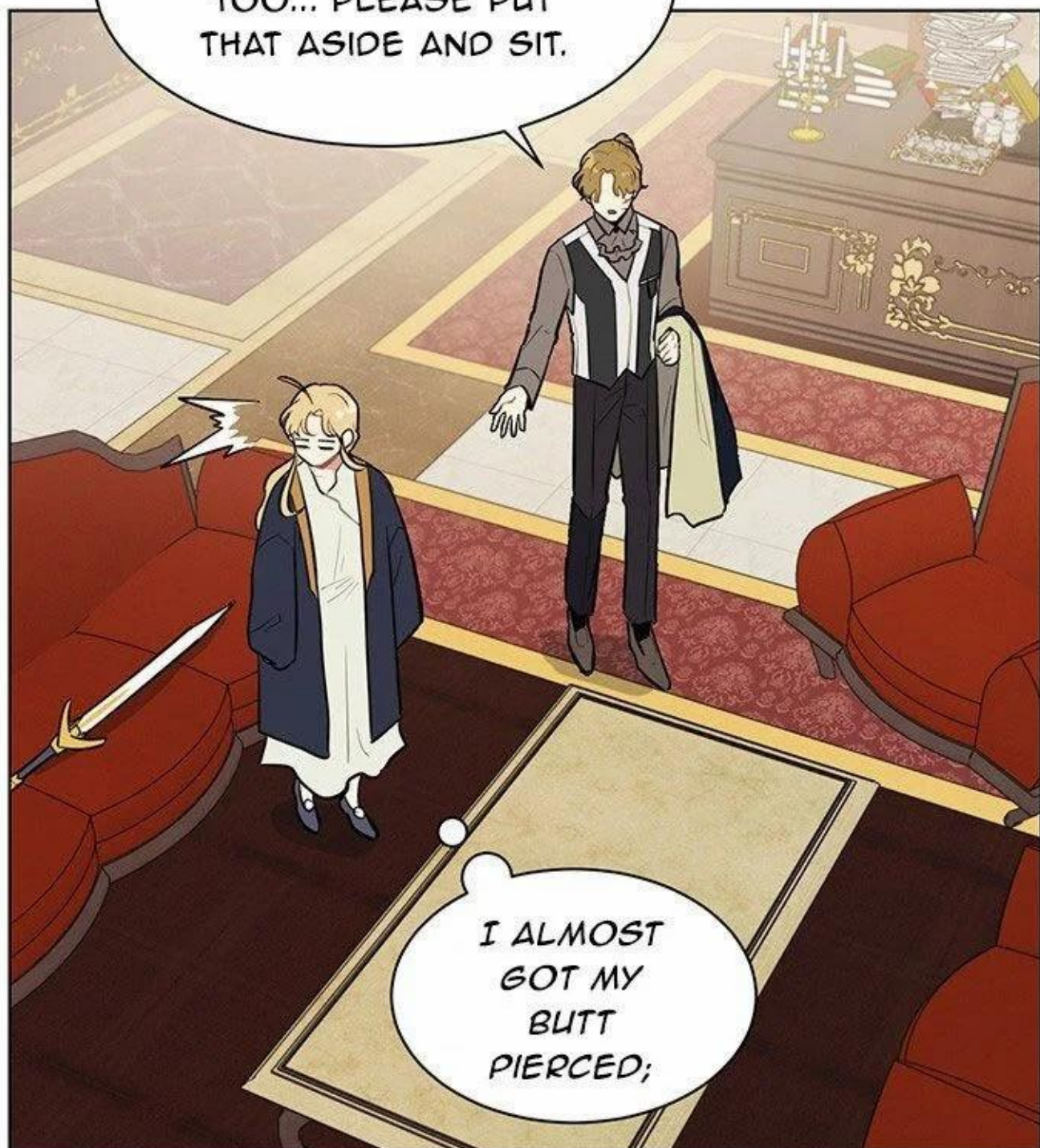


THAT'S TOO  
BAD... I WANTED  
TO SEE HIM.

SINCE YOU'RE HERE,  
PLEASE TAKE A SIT.



OH- I HAVE TO SEND  
THAT TO BOURBON  
TOO... PLEASE PUT  
THAT ASIDE AND SIT.



I ALMOST  
GOT MY  
BUTT  
PIERCED;



**SWEATING**




YOU DID QUIET A LOT  
OF SHOPPING,  
THE AMOUNT OF MONEY  
YOU SPENT IS A BIT...

I'M SORRY...  
I'LL PAY YOU  
BACK WITH MY  
PAY...HAHA.







NO IT'S FINE, LET'S  
JUST SAY THAT WAS  
A BRIBE FOR THE  
NOVEL.



BY THE WAY,  
HOW'S THE  
WRITING GOING  
SO FAR ?

WE'LL GO OVER IT AFTER  
THE DUKE RETURNS,  
WE'LL KEEP REVIEWING IT  
OCCASIONALLY







DO YOU HAPPEN TO  
HAVE ANY PAPPARAZZI  
DRAWING OF THE  
PRINCE?

PA-?  
WHY?





BACK HOME, I LOOKED  
AT THE DRAWING-  
AH NO I MEAN I WROTE  
WHILE IMAGINING.



I DON'T SEE THE  
PRINCE SO I THINK IT  
WOULD HELP IF THERE  
WAS A PICTURE..



## GOOSEBUMPS



AH-  
NEVERMIND...

ONE OF THE THINGS



THE DUKE HATES THE  
MOST, IS PAPARAZZI...

YOU'VE SEEN HIM A  
FEW DAYS AGO RIGHT?  
WOULDN'T THAT HELP  
YOU WRITE?





HE WAS VERY  
DIFFERENT FROM  
WHAT I HAD  
IMAGINED.



AH-  
YES.

**SYMPATHY**




COME TO  
THINK OF IT,  
THE DUKE...



HE LAUGHED AT  
MISS ANGELA,  
DIDN'T HE?





SINCE I HAVE A LOT  
OF WORK TO DO, YOU  
COULD HELP ME.

WHEN THE DUKE COMES  
BACK, WOULD MISS ANGELA  
LIKE TO DELIVER TODAY'S  
PAPERWORK TO HIM?

WHAT?  
ME?







YES, SINCE YOU TOOK  
SOME DAYS OFF ,  
YOU'RE IN GOOD  
CONDITION.

YOU SHOULD GO GREET  
HIM AND TALK ABOUT YOUR  
PROGRESS.

tremble  
tremble





SFX : OPEN WIDE





BUT IF YOU'RE  
TIRED, YOU DON'T  
NEED TO FORCE  
YOURSELF.

*So Tired..*

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NO.

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NOT AT ALL.







MISS ANGELA...



NO PROBLEM!





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YAY~ I'VE GOT  
LESS WORK  
NOW!



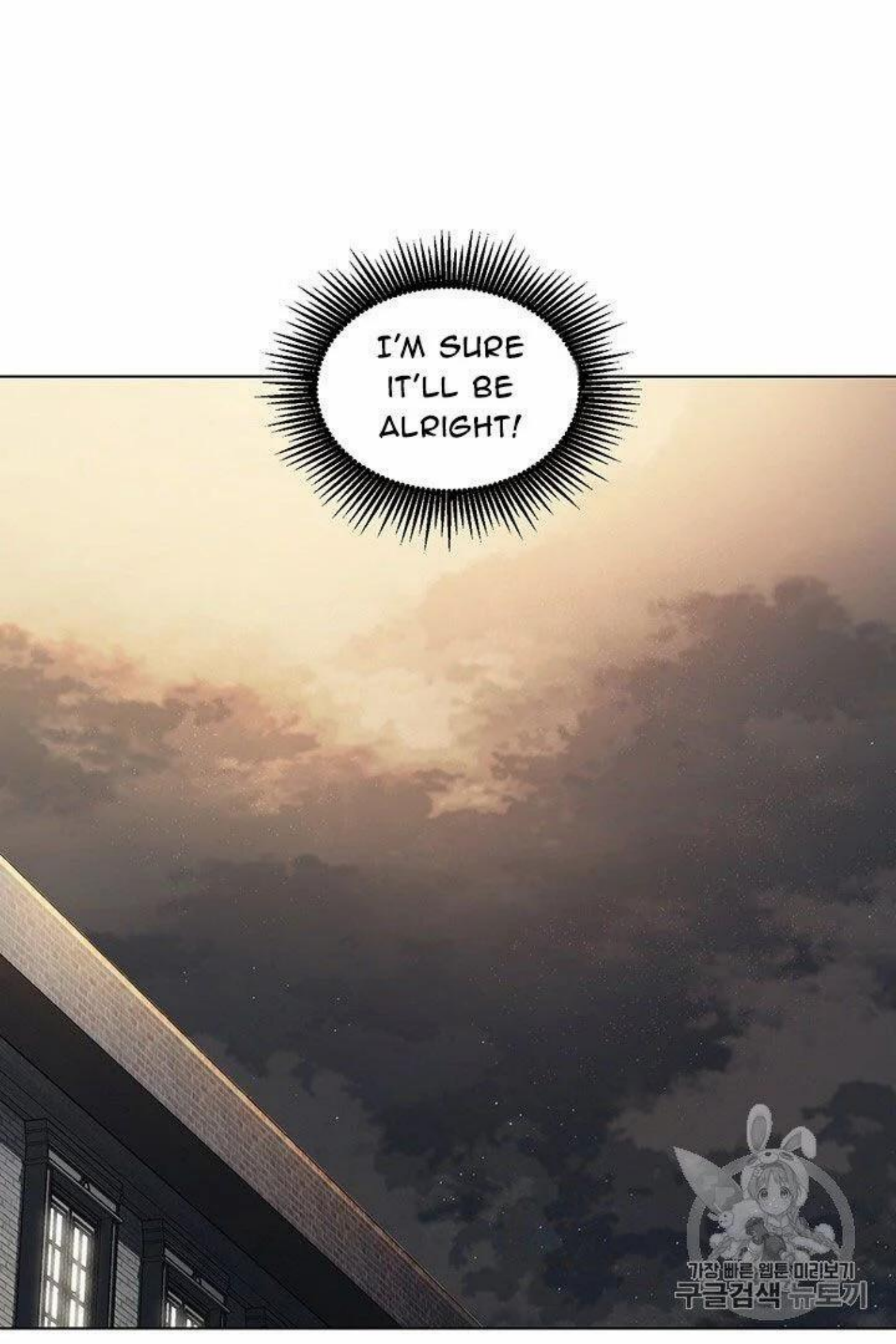
**ANXIOUS**



BY THE WAY... YOU'RE  
SURE YOU DON'T MIND  
GOING ALONE?

WELL HE DID  
LAUGH AFTER  
ALL...






I'M SURE  
IT'LL BE  
ALRIGHT!





A woman in a maid uniform, consisting of a dark long-sleeved top, a white apron, and a white headscarf, stands at night. She holds a glowing lantern in her right hand and has her left hand pressed against her cheek in a worried expression. She is looking up at a large, multi-story brick building with several windows that are illuminated from within. The sky is dark with some clouds. A large speech bubble is positioned above her head, and a smaller, empty thought bubble is just above her head.

IS THE BACK  
DOOR LOCKED  
PROPERLY?  
I NEED TO CHECK.







WHA-

WH- WHO'S  
THERE?

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WHO ARE  
YOU !?

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SWISH



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WHAT'S STICKING OUT  
OF HIS CLOTHES?...



QUIET,  
IT'S ME.

!



**DUKE?**

**OH GOD! I AM  
SO SORRY!**





I DIDN'T KNOW  
YOU WERE OUT,  
DUKE.

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SFX : THUD

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SFX : GOOSEBUMPS







WHAT  
THE-

LGH

JUST HOW MANY ARE  
THERE, IT JUST KEEPS  
COMING OUT-







SFX : SPILLS

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THE AUT-  
NO.



WHERE IS  
SCHOLAR  
ANGELA?



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SFX : THROW

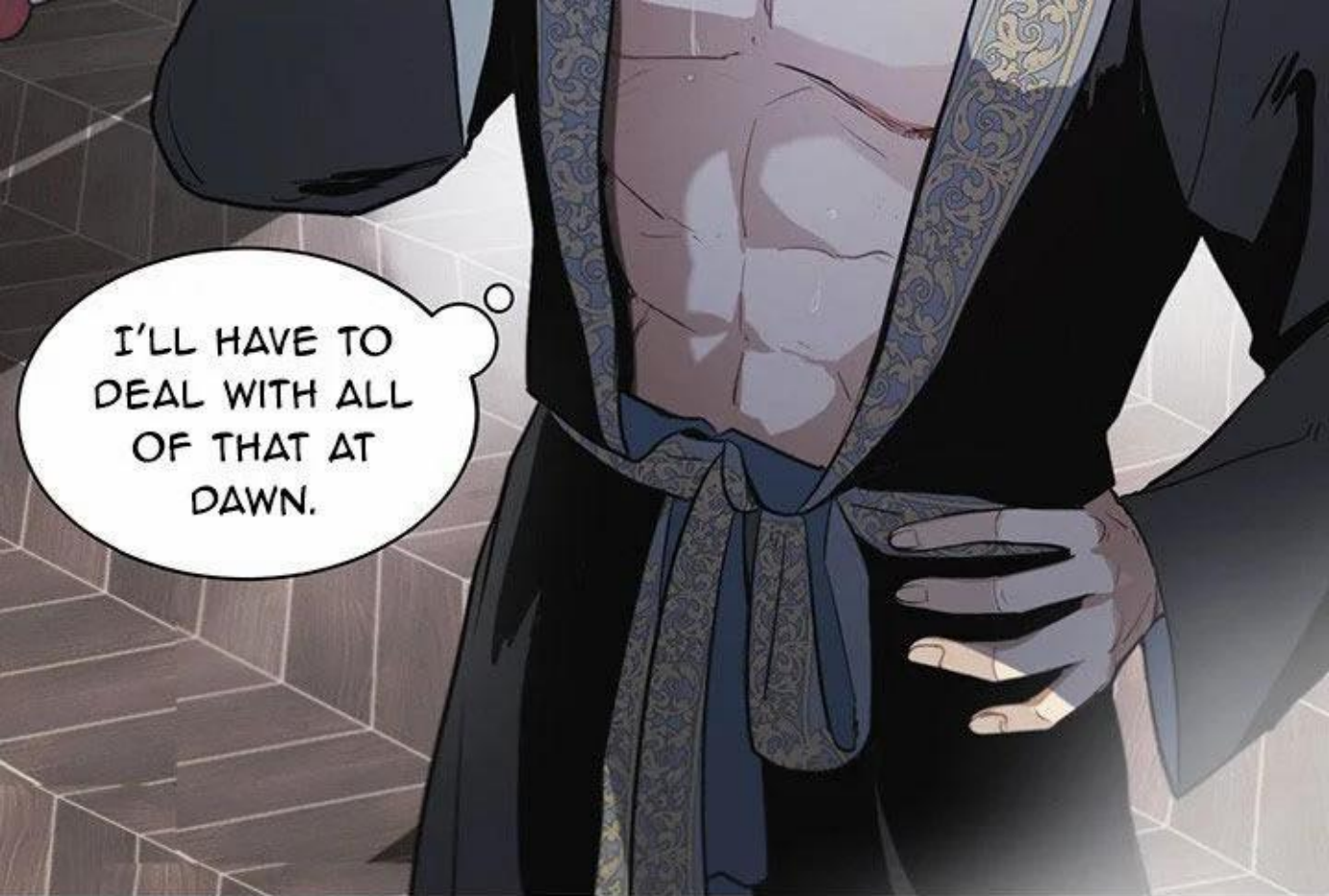
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HA...











HUH?..  
WHAT THE  
HELL IS THAT?









I WILL GO GET  
THE HORSE,  
PLEASE WAIT A  
MOMENT, YOUR  
EXELLENCY.

.....







IT'S AMAZING TO SEE  
DUKE RAYBURN HERE.





I GUESS THE PRINCESS  
MUST BE BUSY.

I'M HERE FOR WORK,  
THAT'S IT.





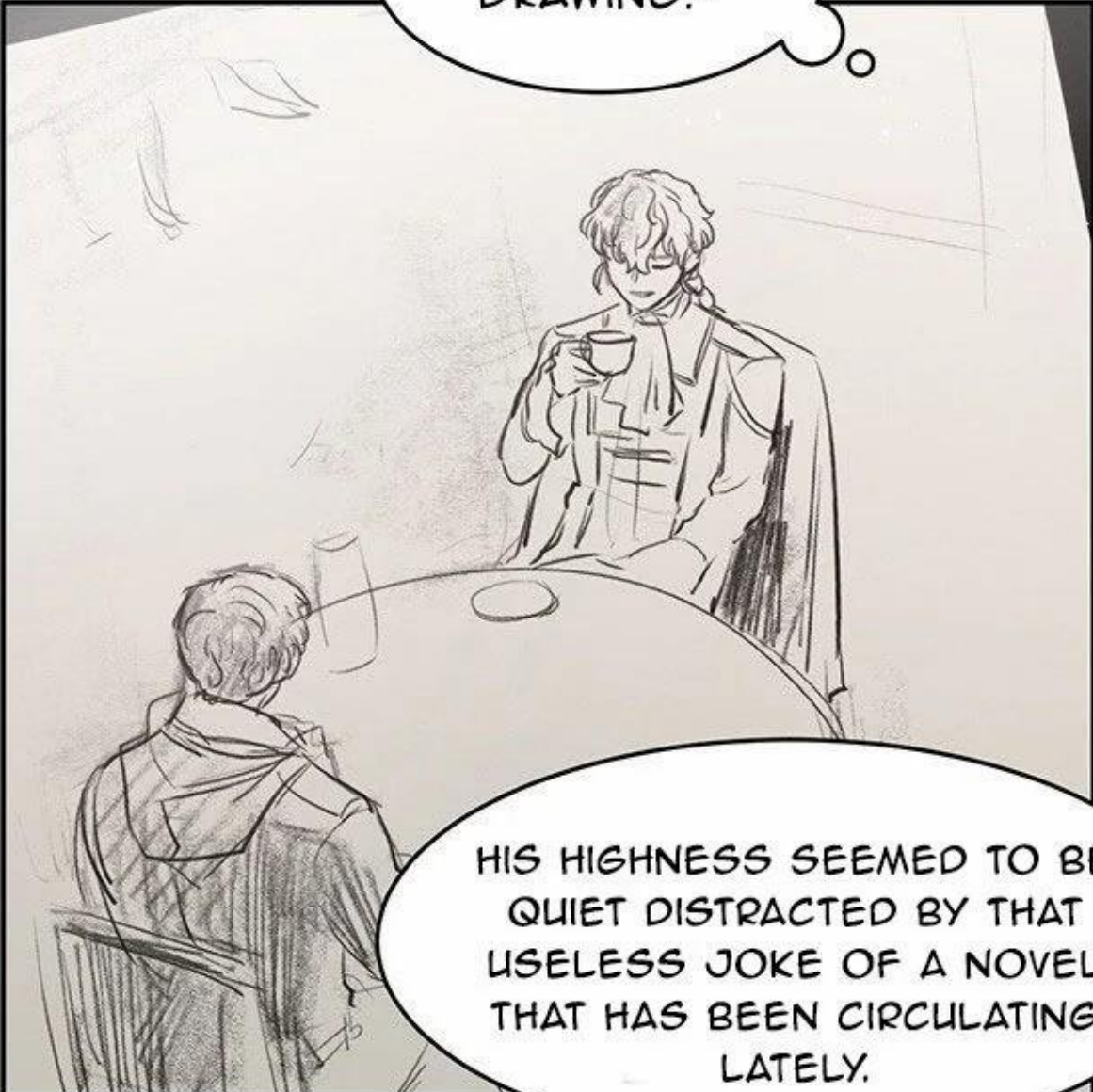
DID HIS HIGHNESS THE  
CROWN PRINCE DROP BY  
THE MANSION RECENTLY?



SFX : RAISE



..A PAPARAZZI  
DRAWING?



HIS HIGHNESS SEEMED TO BE  
QUIET DISTRACTED BY THAT  
USELESS JOKE OF A NOVEL  
THAT HAS BEEN CIRCULATING  
LATELY.




..JUST WHEN DID HE  
GET THIS?  
THIS IS GOING CAUSE  
MORE PROBLEMS...



IT LOOKS YOU DIDN'T  
NOTICE THE PAPARAZZI,  
IT SEEMS YOU'RE TOO  
RELAXED.





ANYWAY, I WOULD LIKE  
YOU TO GET RIDE OF  
THE PARASITES.

YOU STILL DIDN'T  
GET ANY CHANCE TO  
REST, DID YOU?

I'LL BE  
CAREFUL.  
RATHER THAN  
THAT...



GENERAL, YOU  
SHOULDN'T PAY SO MUCH  
ATTENTION TO OTHER  
PEOPLE'S PRIVATE LIVES.

IT'S NO  
DIFFERENT FROM  
THESE, RIGHT?





YOU SHOULD JUST  
FOCUS ON  
PRACTICING YOUR  
SWORDMANSHIP.



NEXT TIME, YOU MAY  
END UP WITH MORE



THAN JUST A WOUND.



THIS DAMN  
BRAT!



SIR, SORRY TO  
HAVE KEPT YOU  
WAITING FOR SO  
LONG.


IS THERE  
ANYTHING ELSE  
YOU WANTED TO  
SAY?

**CLENCH**

.....







HAH, YOU'RE  
STILL THE SAME,  
I HAVE NOTHING  
ELSE TO SAY.

I'LL BE GOING FIRST,  
I'LL SEE YOU NEXT  
TIME.





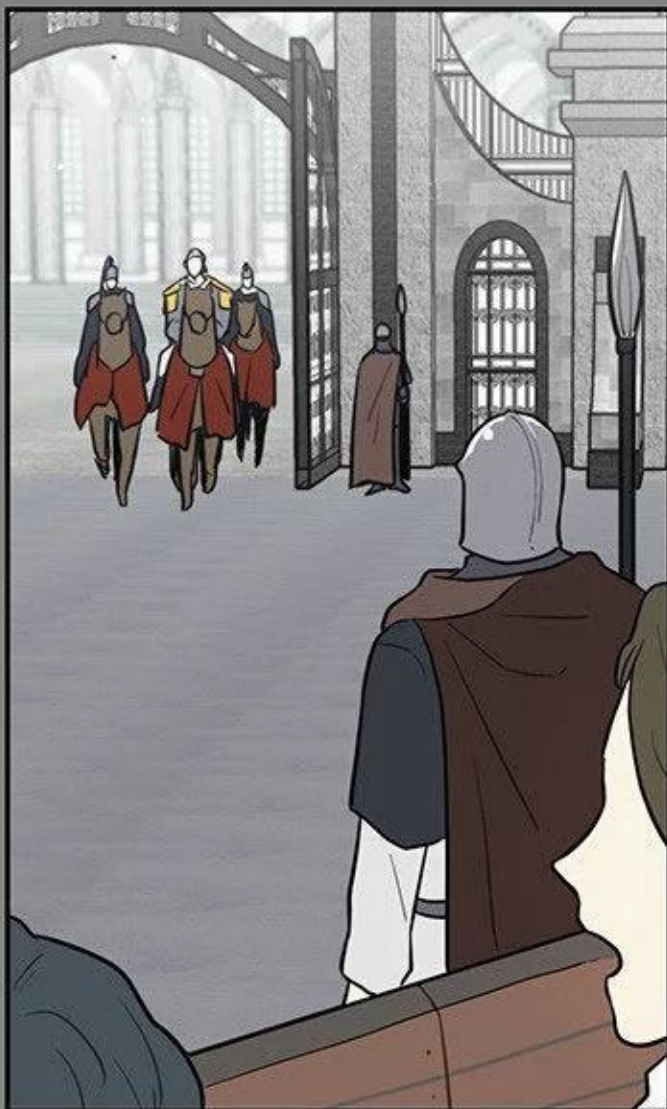


**WOOSH**



THE GENERAL IS  
LEAVING, OPEN  
THE DOORS!





THE DOORS  
ARE  
OPENING!

THE MEETING  
IS OVER!!



**NOISY  
NOISY**



**NOW IS  
THE TIME!**

**EVERYONE!!  
PUSH!!**





?!

WOAH!!







SFX : PUSH

GENERAL!!

LGH-



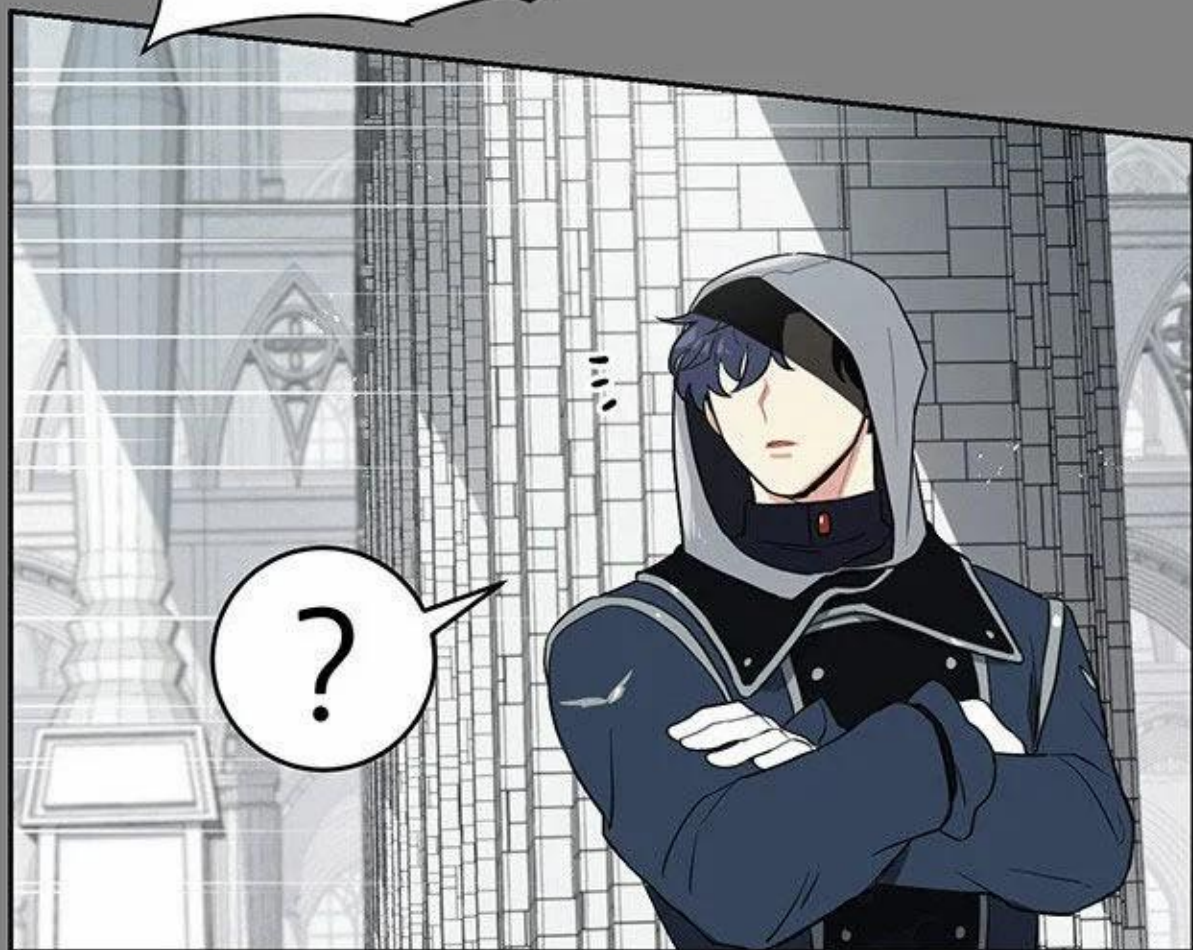
SFX : THUD

GUARDS!  
GUARDS!

JUST WHAT ARE  
THE GUARDS  
DOING!?



WHERE DID  
THIS CROWD  
SUDDENLY  
COME FROM..!





OPPA!

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**Pak!**  
**Pak!**





OPPA,DID YOU HEAR  
THAT? IT MAKES A  
SOUND WHEN YOU  
PRESS IT.

TREMBLE  
TREMBLE

Prince

Ryburn  
Oppa

OPPA

OPPA!





THIS DOLL MAKES  
NOISES TOO!  
PLEASE TAKE  
THIS ONE TOO!

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PRINCE!

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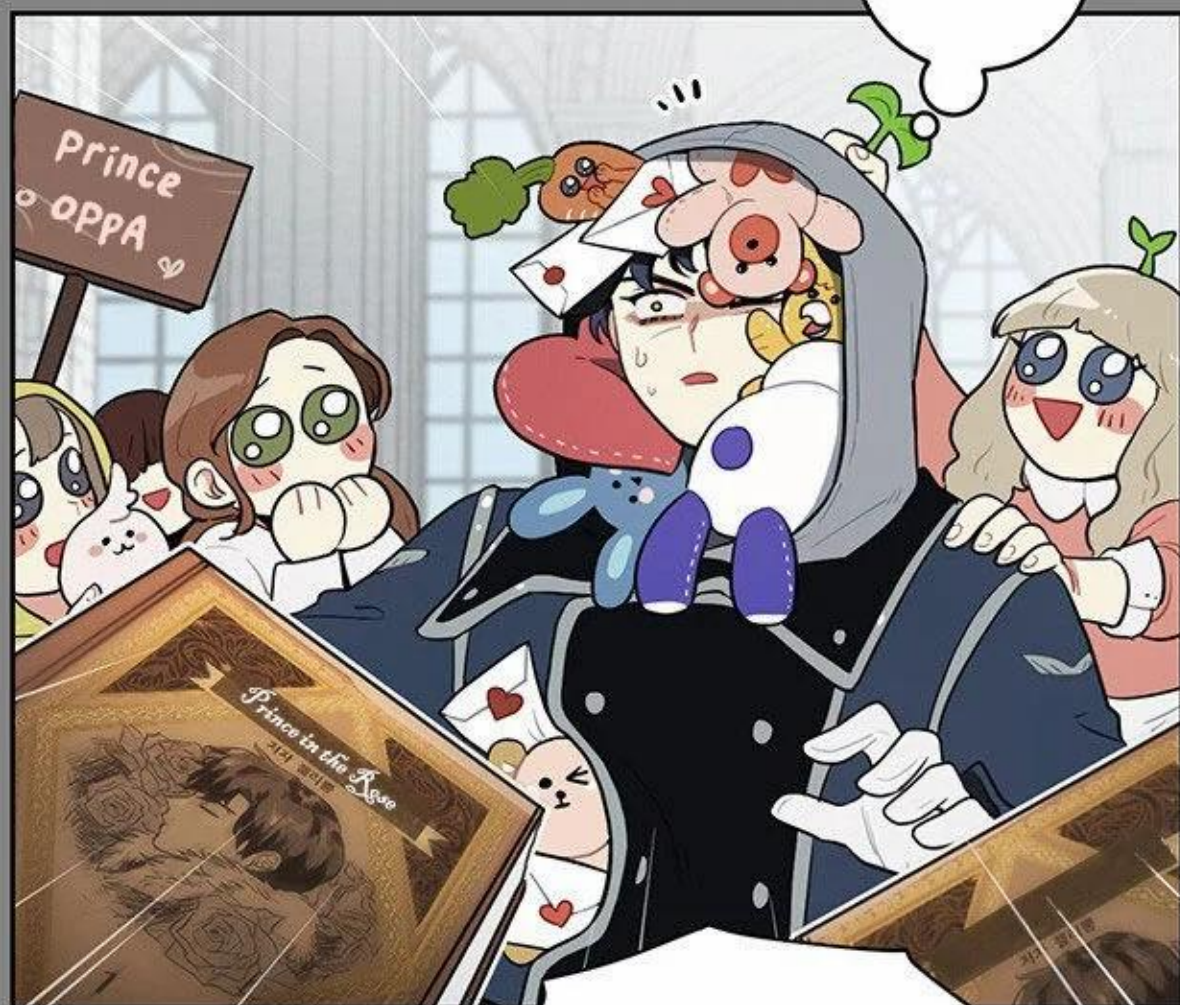


SFX: CROWD



PLEASE SIGN  
THIS BOOK!

BOOK?



I'M A FAN,  
OPPA!



**AUTHOR..!**

**I'LL KILL  
YOU!**

*Prince in the Rose*  
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WHA...,WHAT THE  
HELL IS  
HAPPENING?





HOW DARE THEY  
DO SUCH A  
RUDE THING!

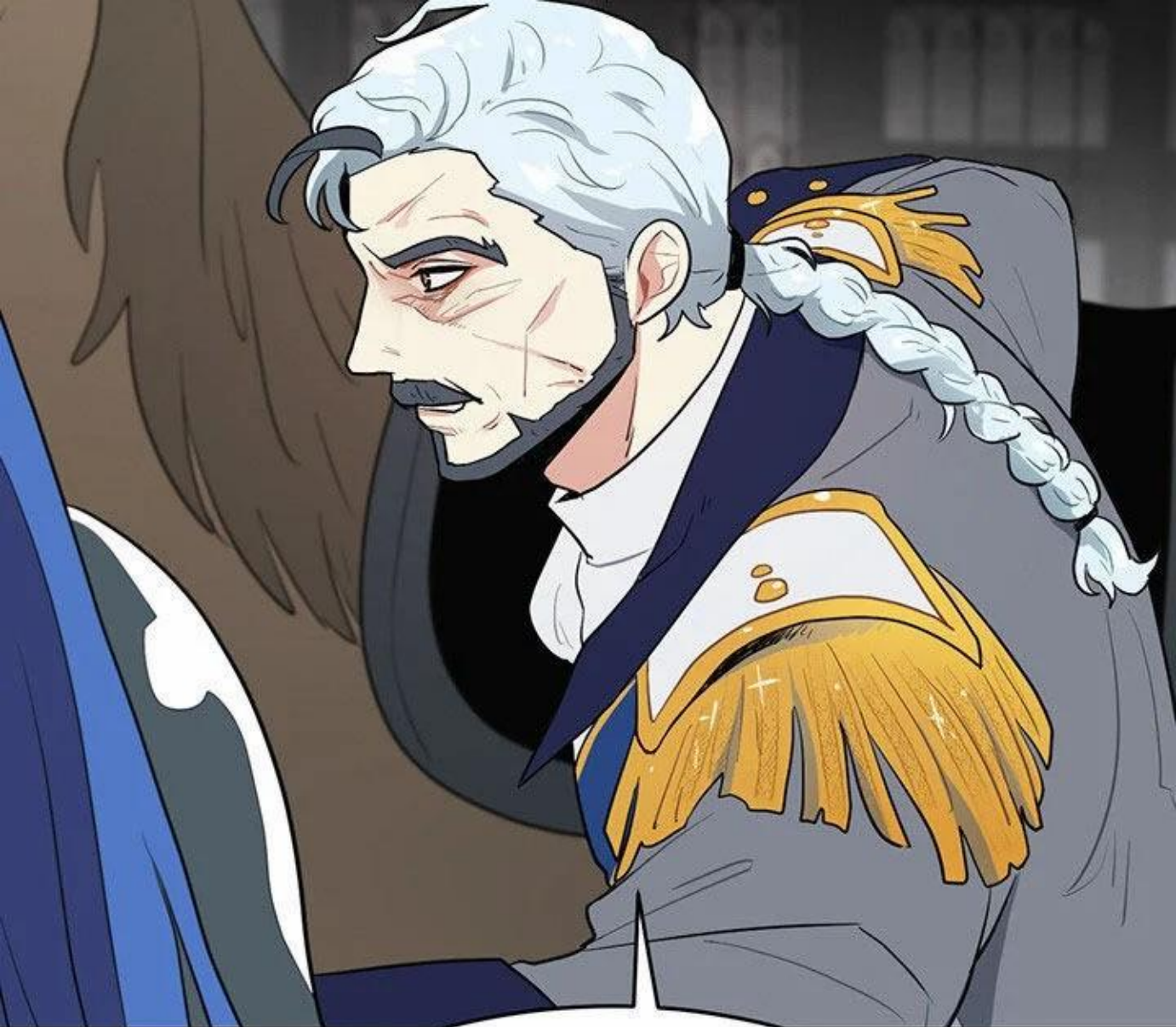


SFX:HOLD

SFX: UNSHEATHE

THEY ARE  
COMONNERS!





WE WORKED HARD FOR  
THE IMAGE OF OUR  
FAMILY, DON'T RUIN IT.

SFX: GRAB







OH! ISN'T HE  
FROM THAT  
FAMILY?







THE SCHWANDELL  
FAMILY?

YEAH, I DIDN'T SEE  
BUT SOMETHING  
SERIOUS MUST'VE  
HAPPENED TO HIM.

...?







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I DIDN'T KNOW  
BEFORE, BUT DON'T  
THEY SEEM QUIET  
RUDE?

WHISPER



WHISPER

THERE IS ALSO A RUMOR  
ABOUT HOW THE CROWN  
PRINCE'S ESCORT KNIGHT  
PULLED HIS SWORD IN  
THE VILLAGE A FEW DAYS  
AGO.



BE  
CAREFUL.



IT COULD BE



A VERY DANGEROUS  
FAMILY, JUST LIKE IN  
THE NOVEL.





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**BLINK**







**TOK**





MS. REBECCA YOU'RE  
STILL WORKING? YOU  
SHOULD CALL IT A DAY.

YAWN

YAWN



SIR AGATE,  
THAT'S...

U U  
RATHER THAN  
THAT, THE DUKE  
IS BACK.

OH, IS THAT



SO?



MISS ANGELA...  
SHE'LL BE FINE  
BY HERSELF  
RIGHT?

THIS TIME, PLEASE  
TELL ME IN ADVANCE  
WHEN THE DUKE IS  
GOING OUT, IT  
SURPRISED ME.









ALSO THE DUKE WAS  
LOOKING SCHOLAR  
ANGELA.

MISS  
ANGELA?

OH?  
THE DUKE CAME BACK  
QUIET EARLY TODAY.





YES.

HE SAID 'IF I SEE  
HER, SHE'S DEAD'.

??!



ANYWAY, THE SCHOLAR MUST  
BE ASLEEP RIGHT NOW, I'M A  
BIT LATE TO INFORM YOU  
BECAUSE I WAS BUSY  
CATCHING RATS.

MY GOODNESS...IT'S  
BECAUSE YOU KEEP  
MESSING AROUND LIKE  
THIS THAT I KEEP  
GETTING RATS.

NOW?

MURMUR





NOW...HOW  
LATE IS IT?

**PROUD**



I CAUGHT  
ABOUT TEN  
RATS.



5 MINUTES PER HEAD



WE'RE IN  
TROUBLE.







THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IT'S  
GOING TO BE JUST THE  
TWO OF US, I'M A BIT  
NERVOUS BUT...







**EXCITED**

**EXCITED**

BUT, I HAVE A  
WEIRD  
FEELING...









Where did the rumors about  
prince oppa, who was already  
crown prince, murder the  
second empress come from,  
huh?



FREDERIK MAY  
REACT SENTITIVELY  
TO THIS.

THIS WAS A SHARP PART  
HIDING IN ALL OF THE  
NONSENSE.



IT'S MOSTLY  
NONSENSE.



One way or another

Where did the rumor, that  
says the twins of the  
imperial family are only  
called for blood, come from?



What benefit do they have from  
the war that has been raging these last  
recent years? rather, it's the Schwandel  
family who's statue depends on  
military power.

THAT'S WHY PEOPLE  
SAID THAT ABOUT THE  
GENERAL..

I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE  
MENTIONNED THE  
SCHWANDEL FAMILY, SHE  
WROTE THIS  
DANGEROUSLY...







YOU CAN'T DIG INTO THE  
IMPERIAL FAMILY SO  
OPENLY IN A POPULAR  
BOOKS.







COME IN.

LMOA HE'S JUST SIPPING HIS TEA

PRINCE!









WHY IS SHE  
HERE?

I THOUGHT IT  
WAS AGATE.



OH! THE PRINCE  
WEARING HIS  
PAJAMAS IS SO  
CUTE!!





SIR AGATE...  
THANK YOU FOR  
THIS OPPORTUNITY!






I'M SO NERVOUS..  
EVEN THE SOUND  
OF THE FIRE  
CRACKING SEEMS  
LOUD.

**TAP**

**TAP**







DID YOU HAVE A  
GOOD REST?

???

**CONFUSED**

DID SHE NOT GET U U







AGATE..

I GUESS YOU DIDN'T  
GET THE MESSAGE.

PUT IT ON THE  
SMALL TABLE  
BESIDE THERE.



YES.














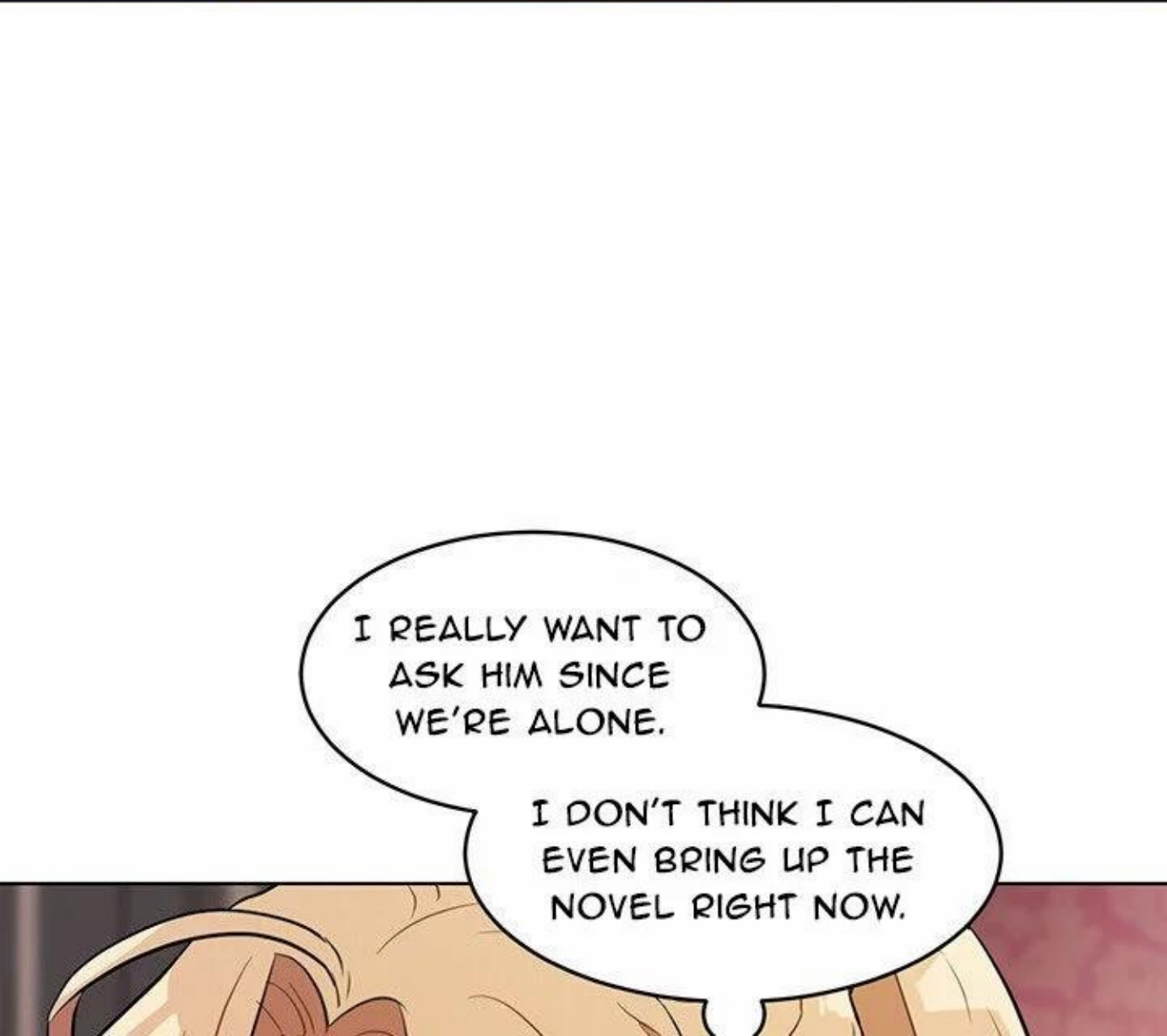


IT SEEMS YOU DON'T  
FEEL GOOD.





AS EXPECTED, I WILL HAVE  
HAVE TO ASK NEXT TIME.



I REALLY WANT TO  
ASK HIM SINCE  
WE'RE ALONE.

I DON'T THINK I CAN  
EVEN BRING UP THE  
NOVEL RIGHT NOW.





SIT DOWN.

I THINK YOU HAVE  
SOMETHING TO TELL ME.

YES.





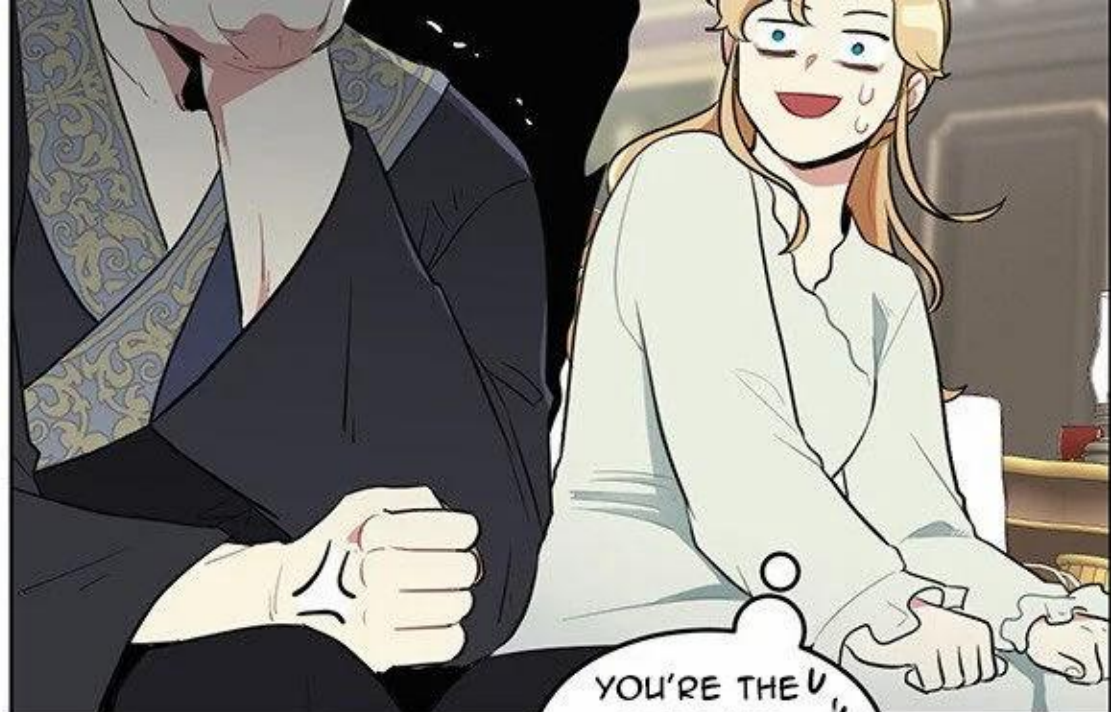
NO,  
SIT OVER THERE, NOT  
HERE.

HA...

**SWALLOW HARD**








YOU'RE THE  
ONE WHO  
TOLD ME TO  
SIT DOWN.

DAMN IT, I'LL  
JUST SAY  
WHATEVER AND  
RUN AWAY.







I.. I JUST WANTED  
TO TELL YOU THAT  
THERE ARE A LOT  
OF RATS IN THE  
MANSION.

**TOK**













BEFORE I SAY  
ANYTHING ELSE,

I ACTUALLY WANTED  
TO ASK YOU  
SOMETHING.





JUST GET  
STRAIGHT TO  
THE MAIN POINT.

PERHAPS..

DO YOU REMEMBER  
ME?









WE TOOK CARE OF  
SHURAN TOGETHER.



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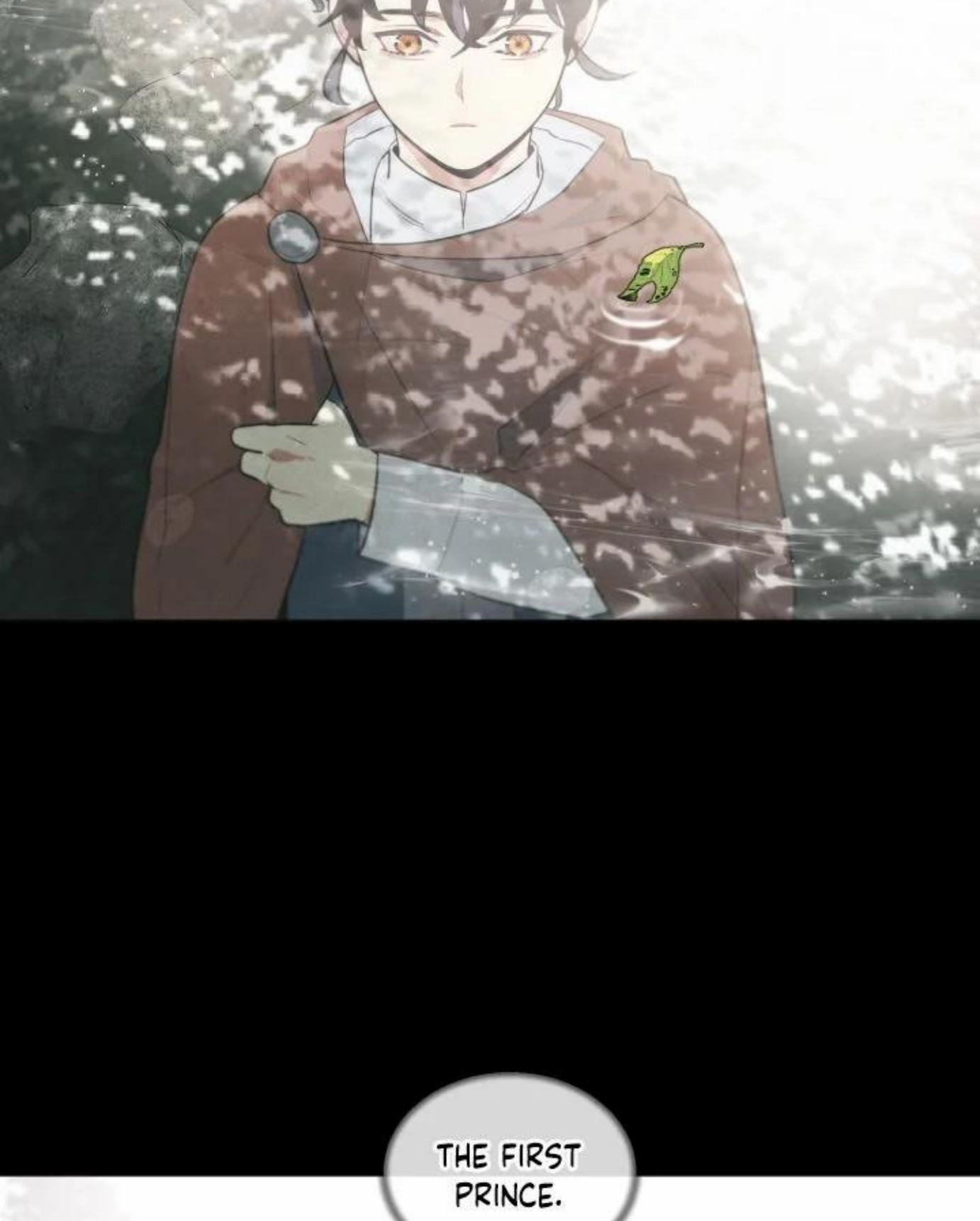




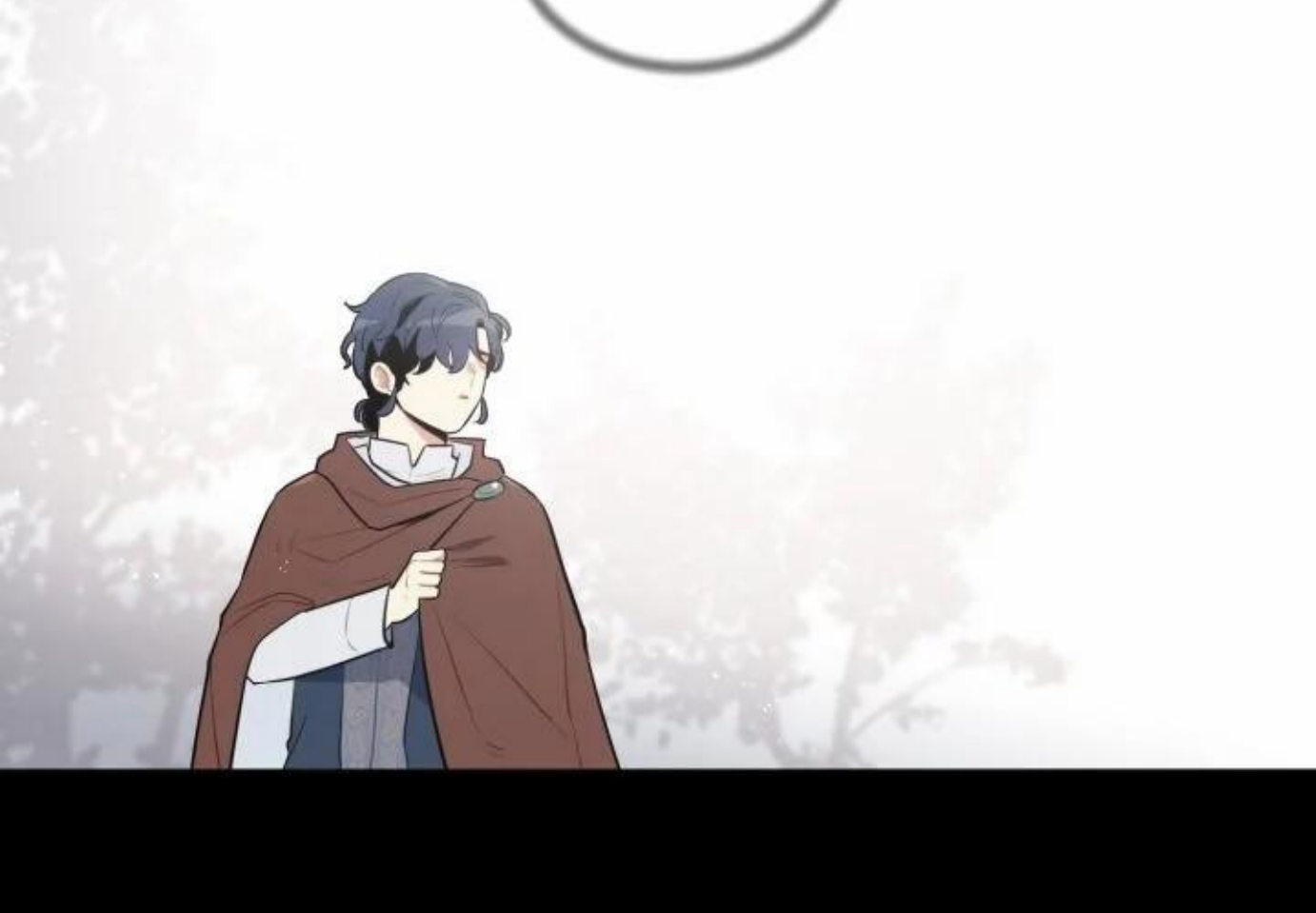
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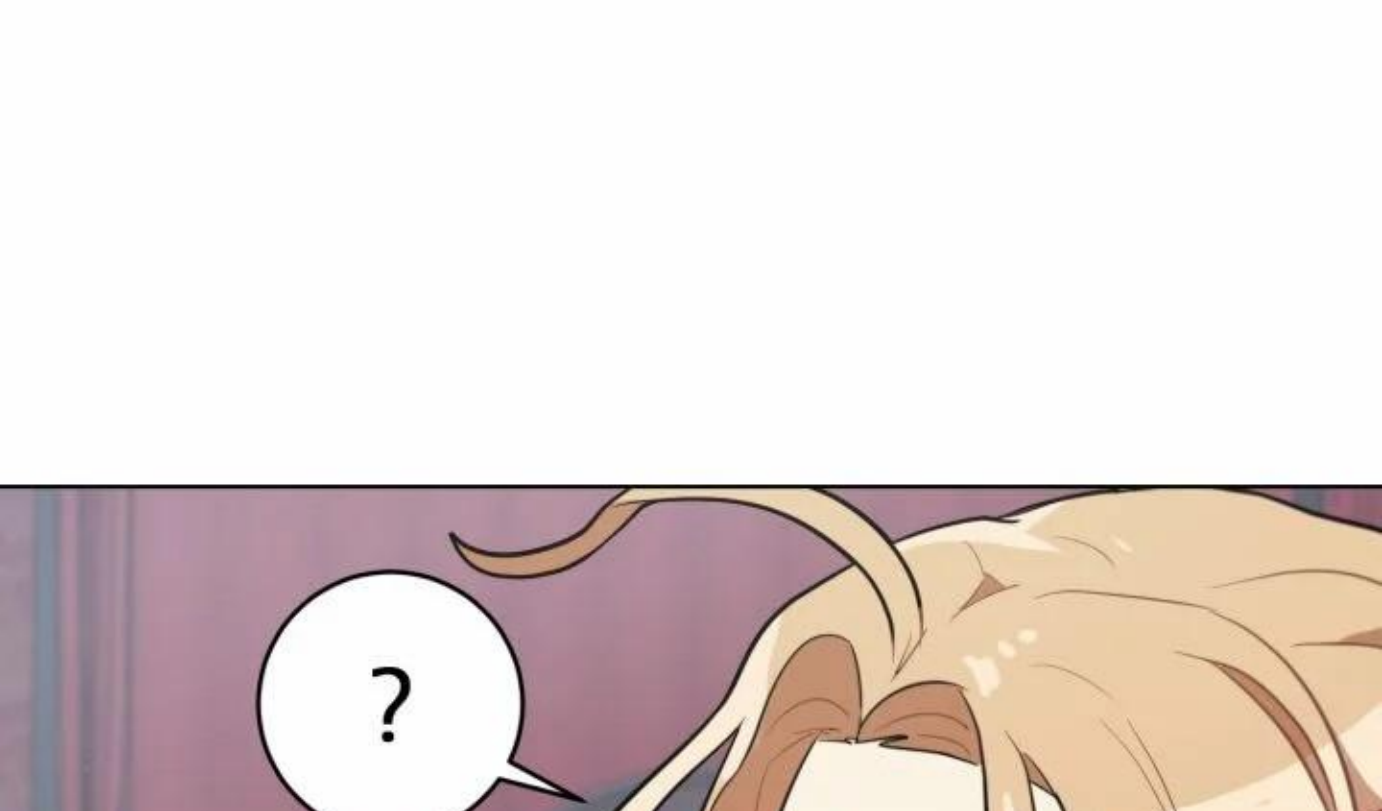
RAYBURN?



THE FIRST  
PRINCE.















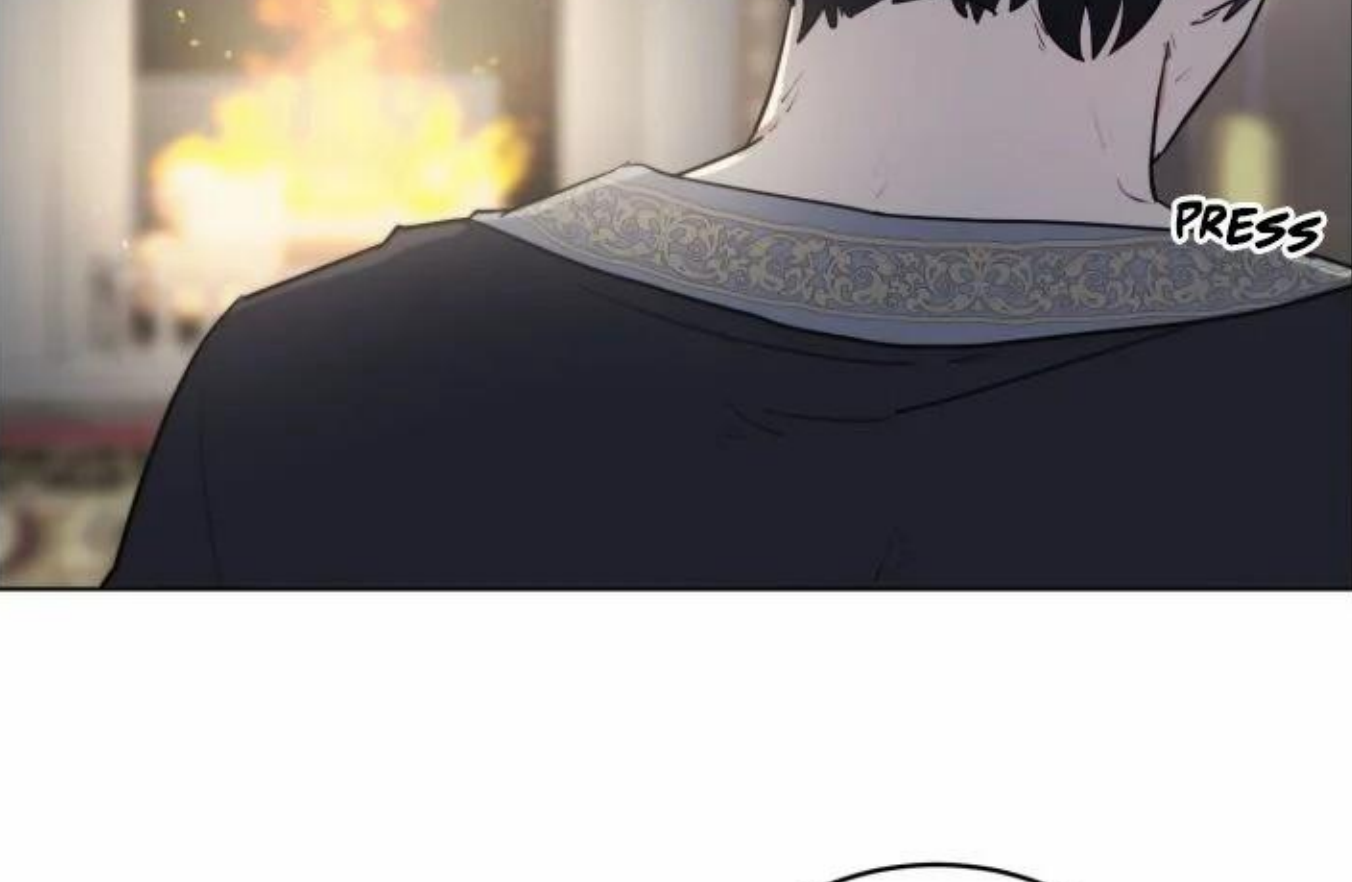
SO THE THING IS...

**TAP**



THE NOVEL!  
RIGHT, IN THE NOVEL,

DIDN'T SOME OF THE CONTENT IN THE NOVEL SEEM FAMILIAR?



IF YOU LOOK RIGHT HERE...

NEVERMIND THAT.



NEXT TIME.



NOW THE MOOD IS TERRIBLE. I CAN'T BELIEVE I PUNCHED HIM IN THE GUT AFTER SEEING HIM FOR THE FIRST TIME IN DAYS.

WHO KNOWS WHEN I'LL GET ANOTHER CHANCE TO BE ALONE WITH HIM AGAIN...

**DEPRESSED**



WHAT IF HE AVOIDS MEETING ME FROM NOW ON?



I'LL VISIT YOUR STUDY TOMORROW.









DO YOU REMEMBER SHURAN?

THE BABY BIRD  
YOU RAISED WHEN YOU  
WERE YOUNGER.

WHY ARE YOU  
SUDDENLY...

DID SHE REALLY  
RUN AWAY?

.....

I'M NOT SURE.

...MISS HOYA  
SAID THAT

SHE'LL COME  
BY THE DAY AFTER  
TOMORROW.

ALRIGHT,  
I GOT IT.

FINISH UP  
WHAT YOU WERE  
DOING AND GO  
REST.

UNDER-  
STOOD.

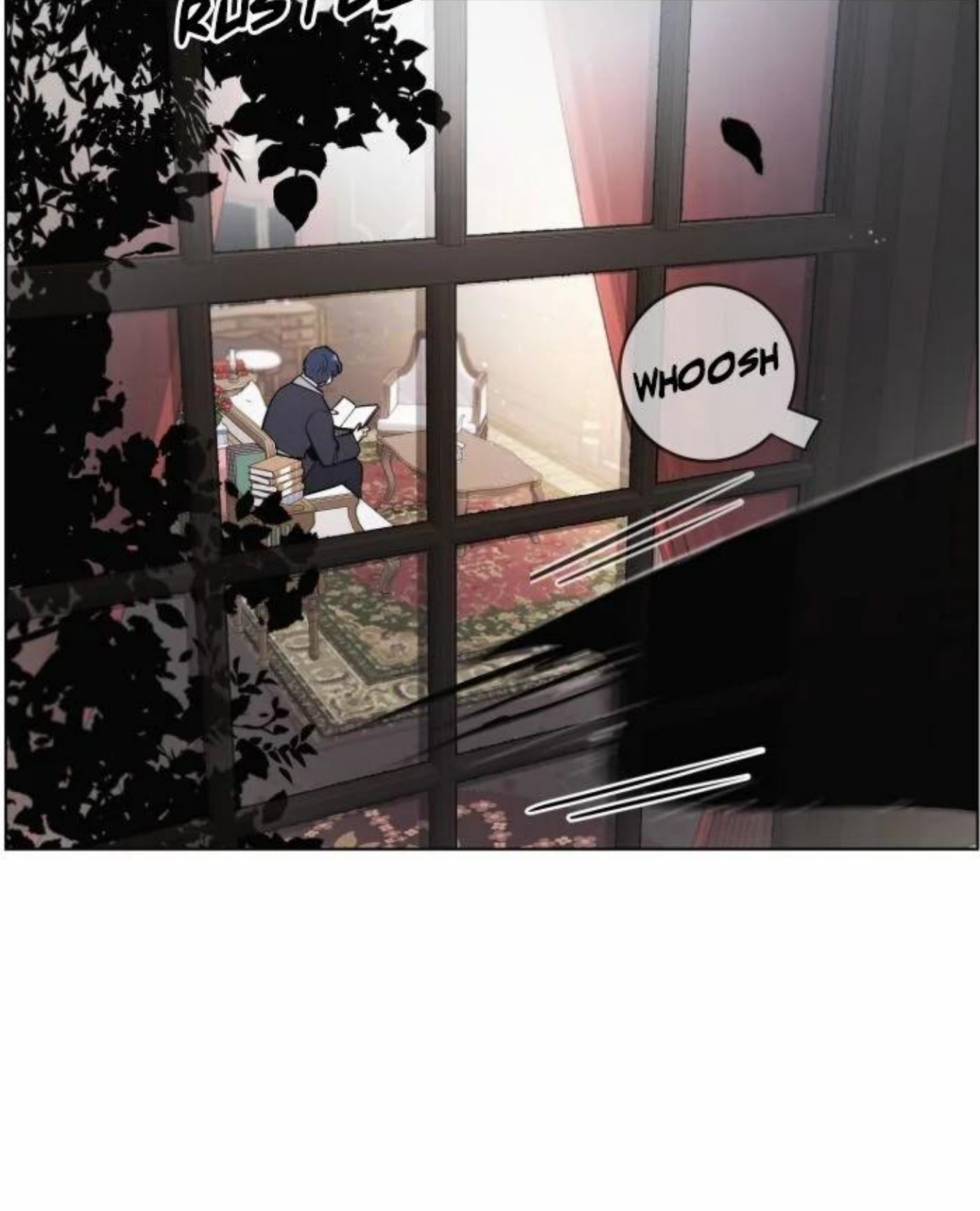
AH, I SHOULD'VE  
TOLD HIM TO GET RID  
OF THOSE THINGS.

WHATEVER, IT  
SEEMS LIKE HE HASN'T  
GOTTEN ANY REST IN THE  
PAST FEW DAYS  
ANYWAY.

.....

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IS THE CROWN PRINCE INSIDE?



SIR CHANCELLOR.

HIS HIGHNESS MUST BE AT EASE THANKS TO YOU GUYS.



KEEP UP THE HARD WORK.



YES, SIR. PLEASE HEAD INSIDE.



GENERAL.

WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE SO LATE...

AREN'T YOU LUCKY, FERDERIC.

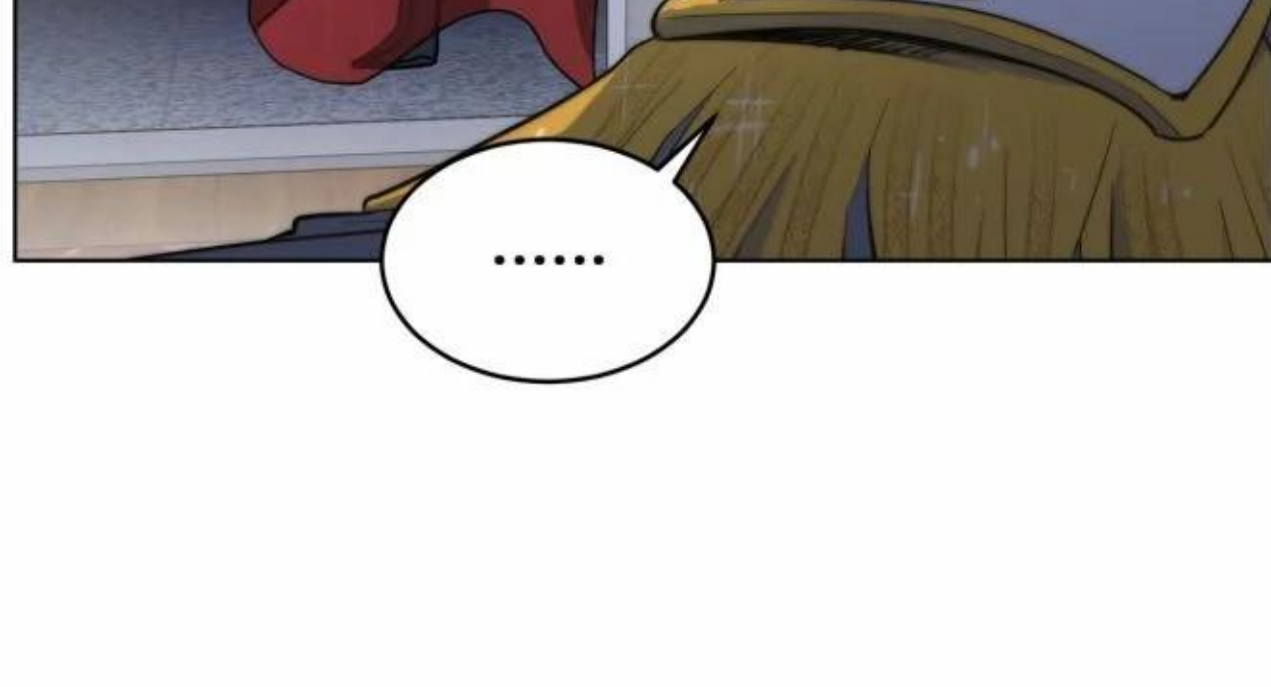


IS NOW THE TIME TO BE PLAYING AROUND?

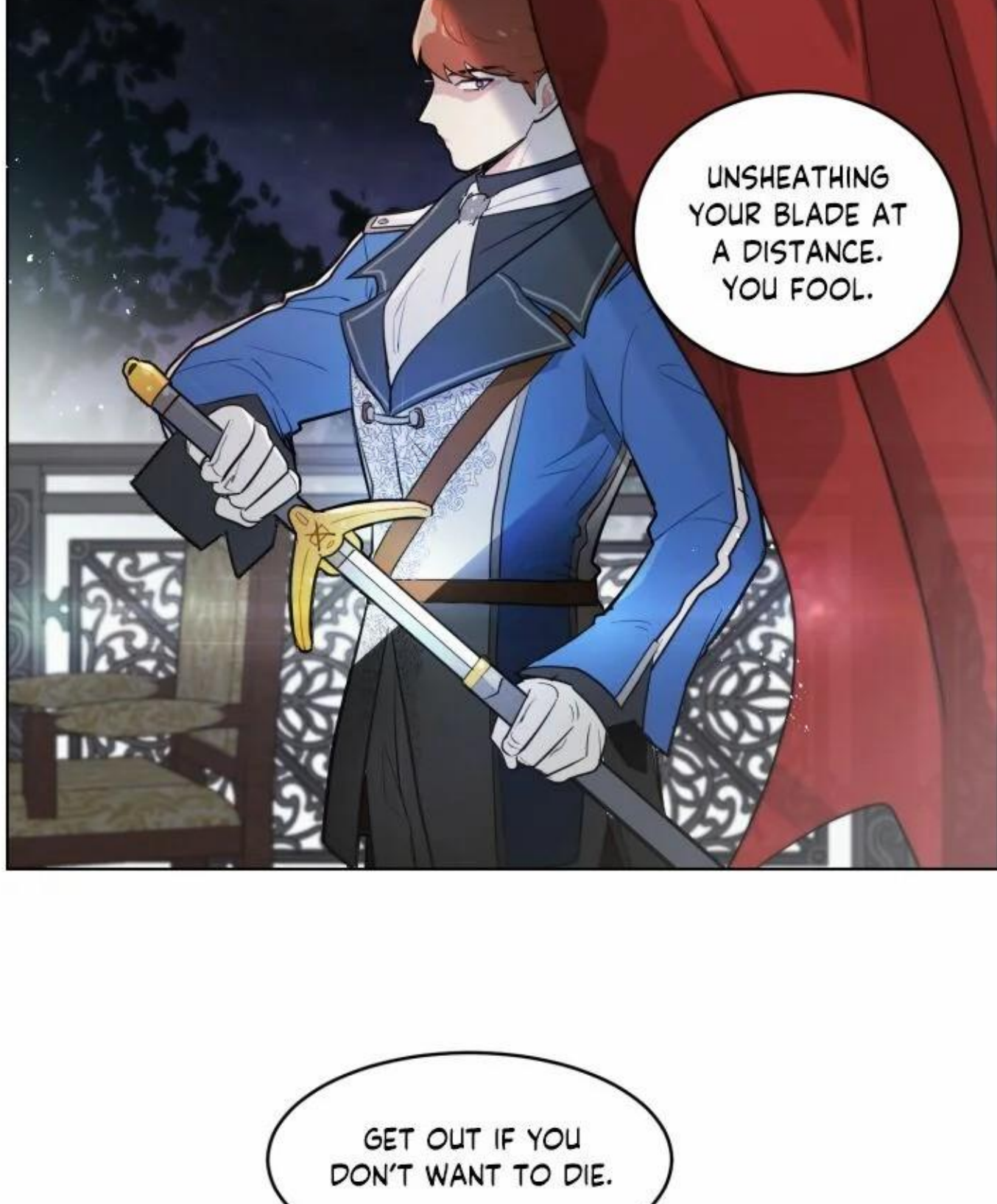




NOW'S NOT THE TIME FOR YOU TO BE SITTING HERE LIKE A FOOL...



BOURBON.



GET OUT IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE.



MY APOLOGIES.



DID SOMETHING BAD HAPPEN...

!







TCH.

YOU'RE AFRAID OF  
SOMETHING LIKE THIS.  
UNBELIEVABLE.



YOU CAN'T  
EVEN CONTROL  
YOUR GUARD.

RAYBURN IS CONSTANTLY  
GROWING AS TIME GOES ON,  
YET YOU'RE STILL SO YOUNG  
AND FOOLISH.



YOUR MOTHER WOULD  
BE DISAPPOINTED IF SHE  
WAS STILL ALIVE.

**GLARE**

HOW DARE  
YOU!

SHE'S MY SISTER  
BEFORE SHE'S YOUR  
MOTHER.



I KNOW WHAT SHE  
WANTED BETTER THAN YOU,  
SO DON'T YOU DARE BE  
SO ILL-MANNERED.

HE'S ACTING AS IF  
HE'S MY FATHER.



SO, WHAT BRINGS  
YOU HERE?

THE VULGAR  
BOOK THAT'S BEEN  
GOING AROUND.



WHY HAVEN'T YOU BEEN  
ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF IT WHEN  
THAT'S ALL YOU'VE BEEN FOCUSING  
ON FOR THE PAST FEW DAYS?

DO YOU KNOW  
WHAT I HAD TO DEAL WITH  
BECAUSE OF IT?



HE DIDN'T BOTHER LISTENING TO ME BEFORE, BUT I GUESS HE FINALLY UNDERSTANDS HOW GRAVE THE SITUATION IS.

I'VE FOUND THAT THE ORIGINAL AUTHOR IS CURRENTLY STAYING AT DUKE RAYBURN'S MANSION.

I'VE PRESSURED HER TO COME TO THE PARTY, SO SHE WILL COME TO THE PALACE ON HER OWN.

WHAT A PAIN.

EVERYTHING YOU DO PISSES ME OFF. JUST ASSASSINATE HER!

IF RUMORS OF AN ASSASSINATION WERE TO SPREAD RIGHT NOW, IT WOULD MAKE THINGS WORSE FOR US.

THE PUBLIC'S OPINION CURRENTLY REVOLVES AROUND THAT NOVEL, SO IT'S NOT THAT EASY.

HOWEVER,

THE AUTHOR WOULD BE VERY USEFUL IF SHE JOINS US INSTEAD.

I JUST NEED TO MAKE HER LOYAL TO ME.

.....

THAT WOULD BE QUITE DIFFICULT IF RAYBURN DEVELOPS FEELINGS FOR HER.

YOU BETTER TAKE CARE OF IT BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.

CHILLS!

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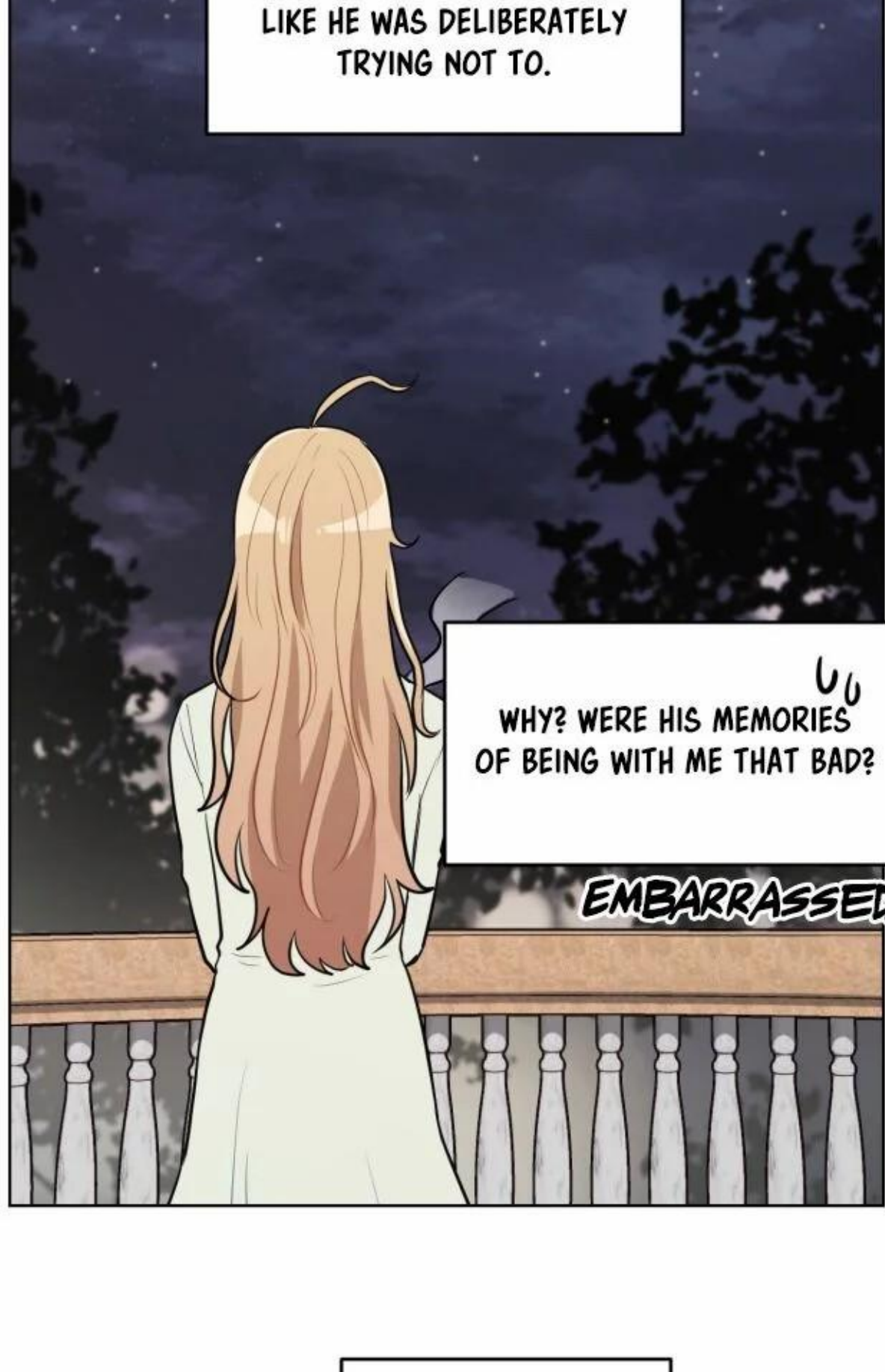
HUH. SO EVEN THE MANSION GETS CHILLY AT NIGHT.





MORE IMPORTANTLY,  
HIS HIGHNESS...

HE DEFINITELY SEEMED TO  
REMEMBER ME, BUT IT FELT  
LIKE HE WAS DELIBERATELY  
TRYING NOT TO.



U U  
WHY? WERE HIS MEMORIES  
OF BEING WITH ME THAT BAD?

EMBARRASSED..

THAT EXPRESSION  
EARLIER, TOO..



RATHER THAN AN ANGRY  
EXPRESSION, IT'S MORE...

...IT'S DANGEROUS  
HOW HANDSOME HE WAS  
THE WHOLE TIME.



I'LL SLOWLY FIGURE IT  
OUT AS WE TALK MORE LATER.  
IN ANY CASE, WHAT SHOULD  
I WEAR TOMORROW?

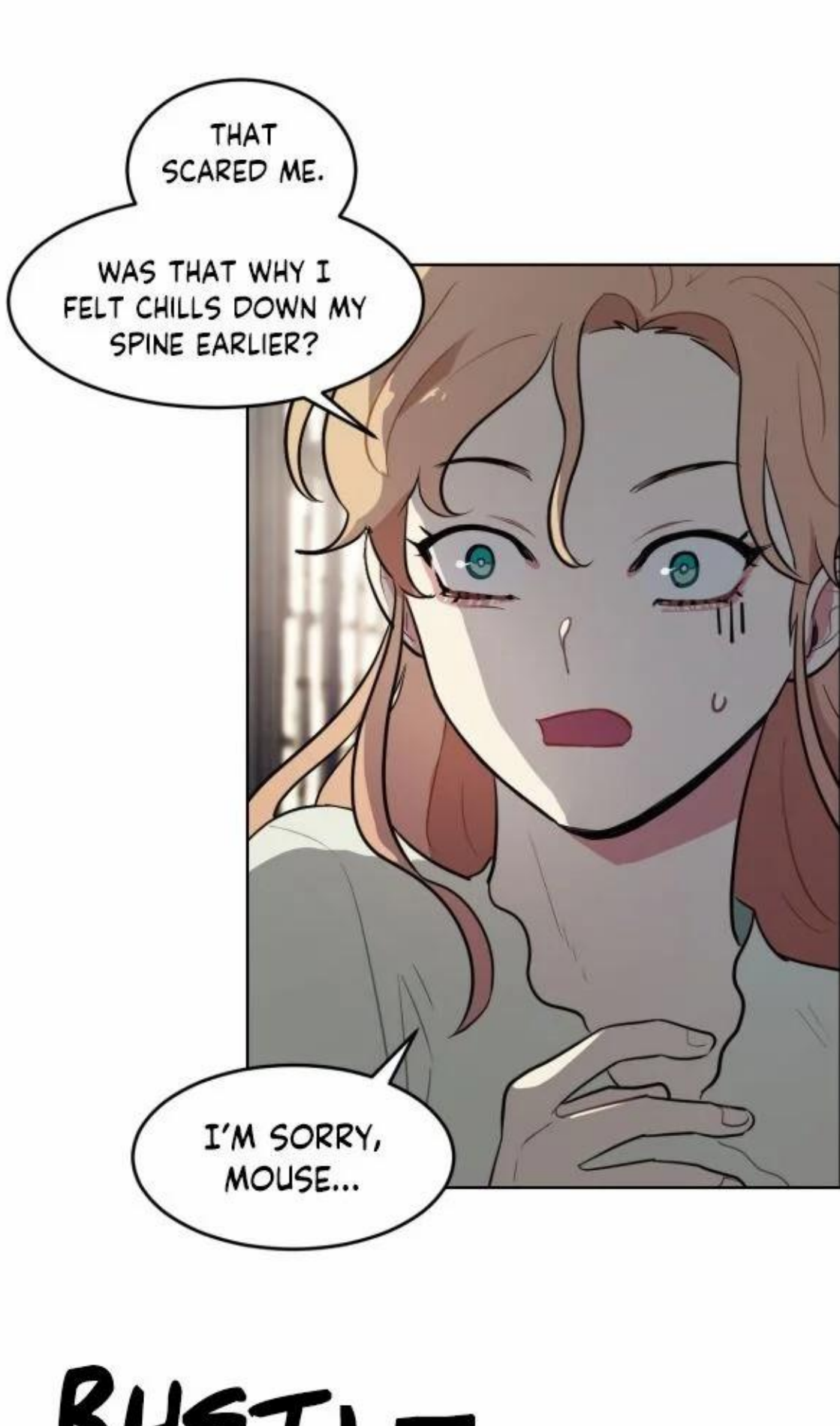


SQUEAK



GYAH!

KICK!



THAT  
SCARED ME.

WAS THAT WHY I  
FELT CHILLS DOWN MY  
SPINE EARLIER?

I'M SORRY,  
MOUSE...

RUSTLE

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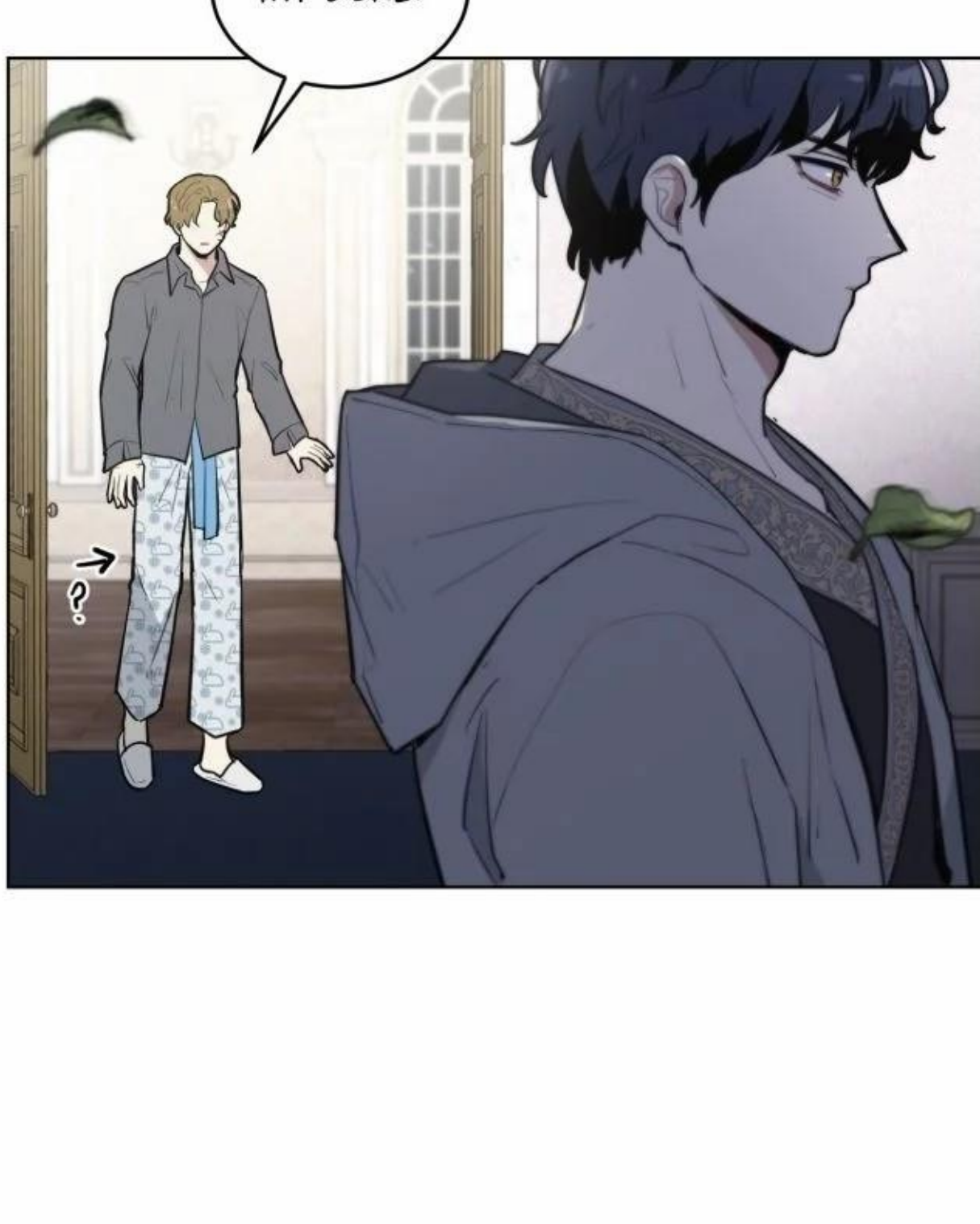
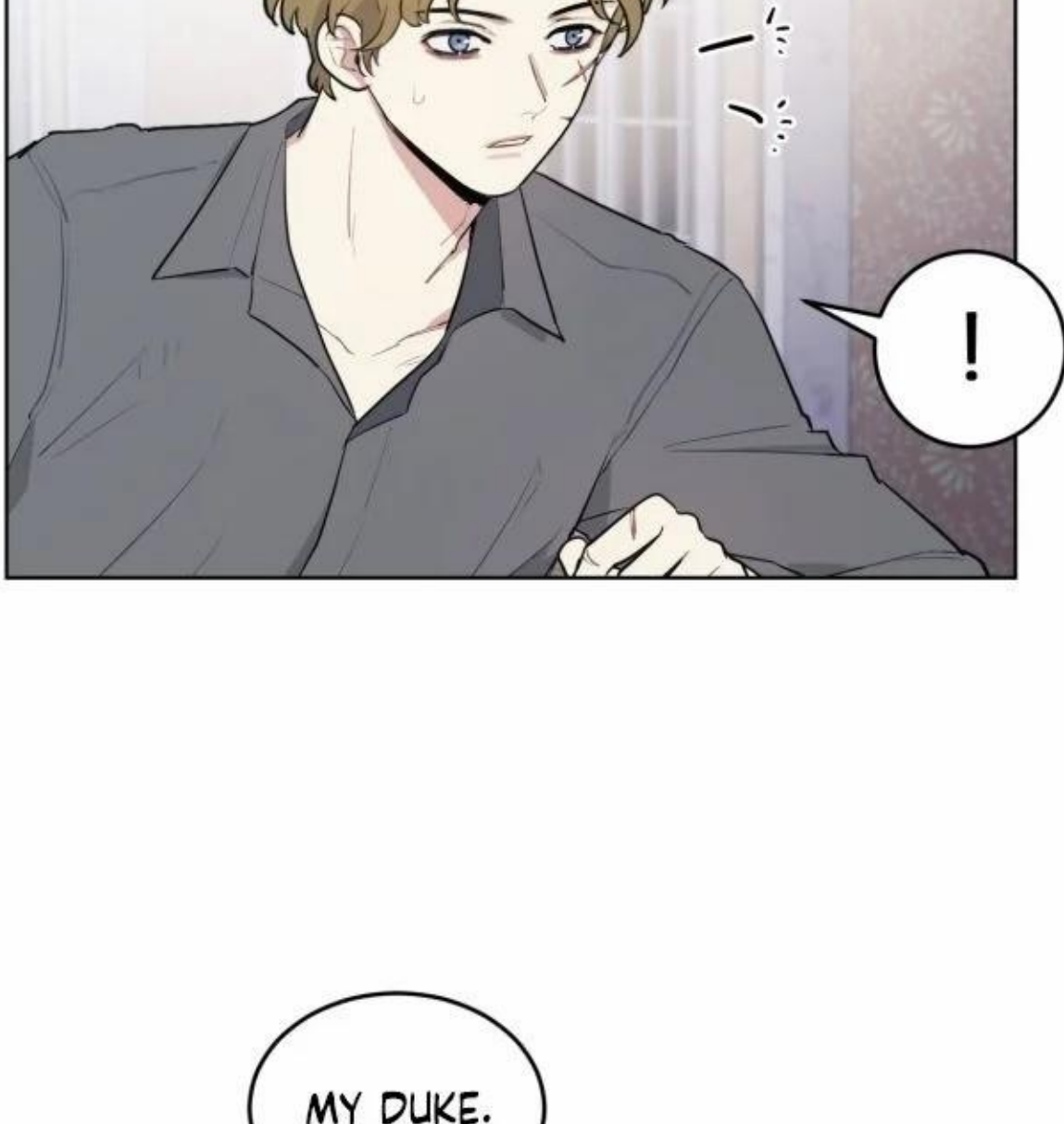
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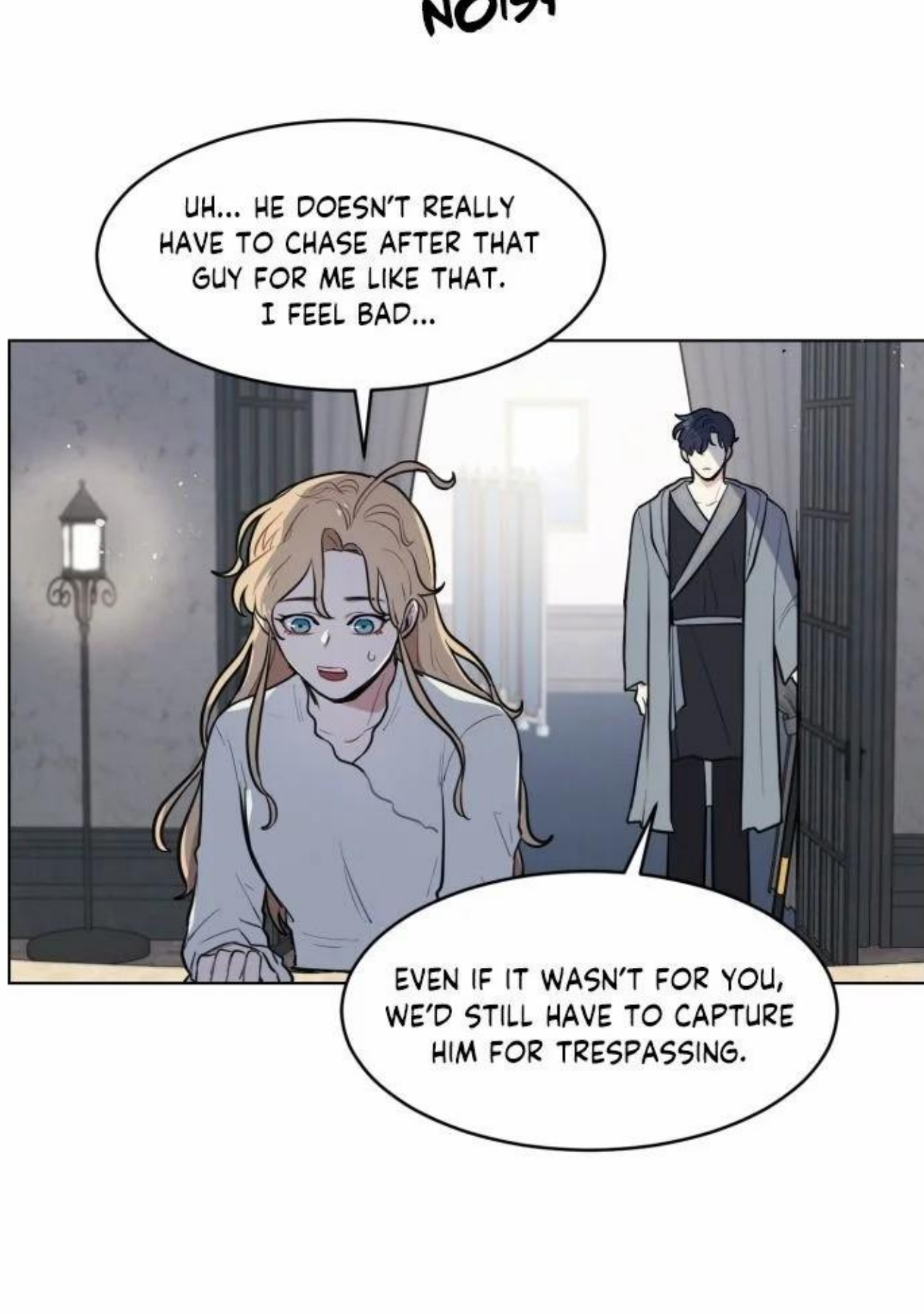




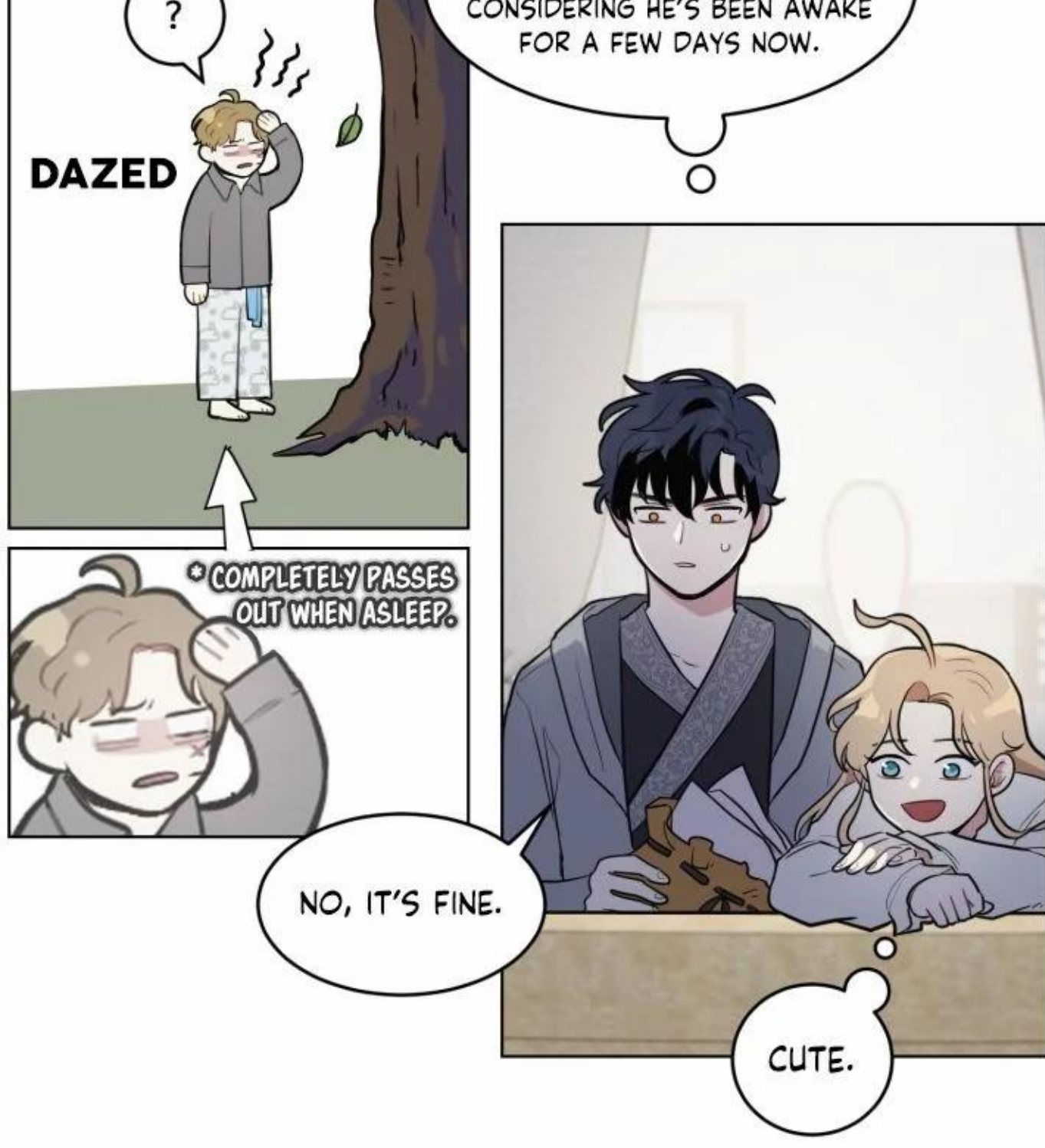
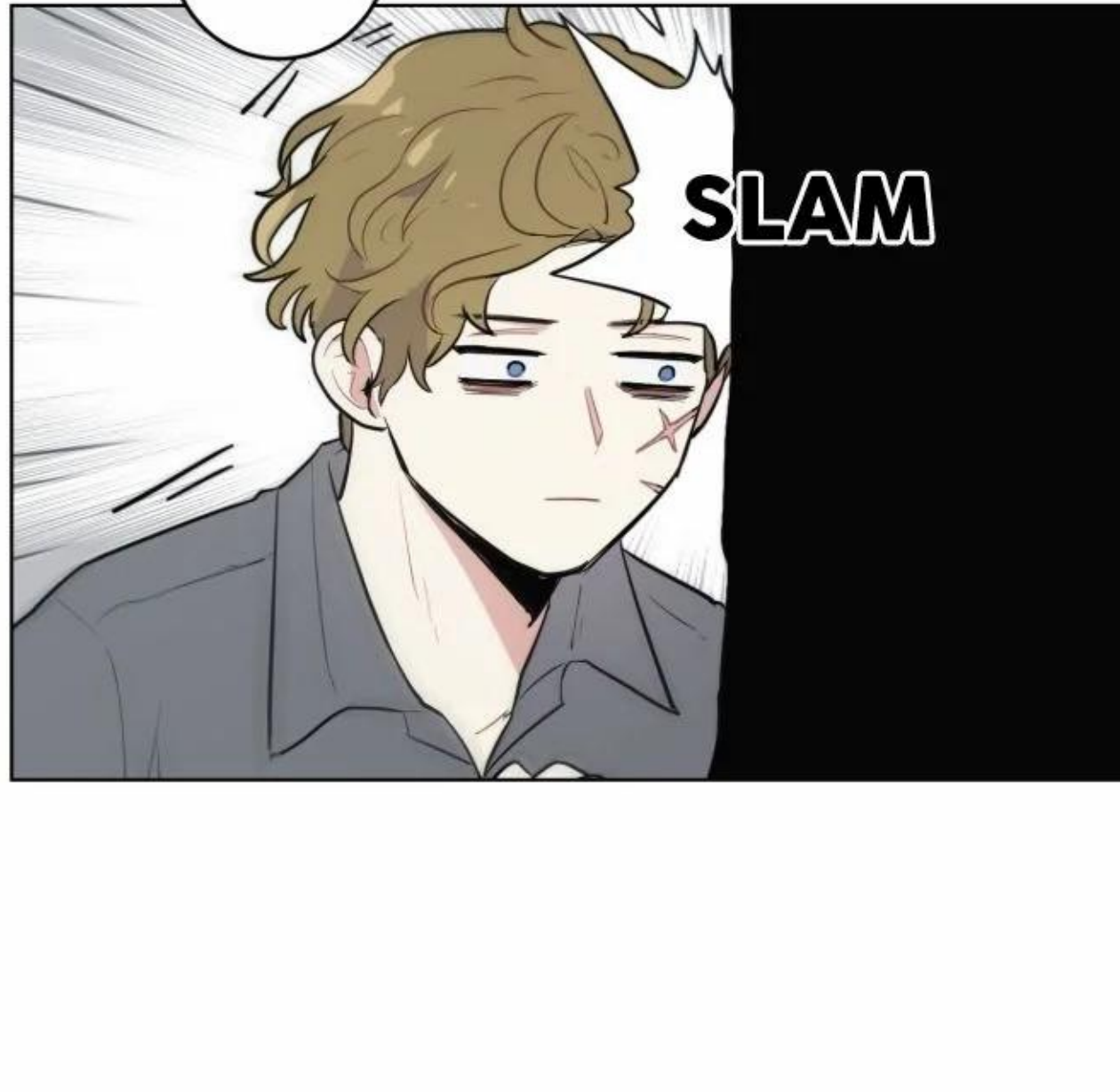
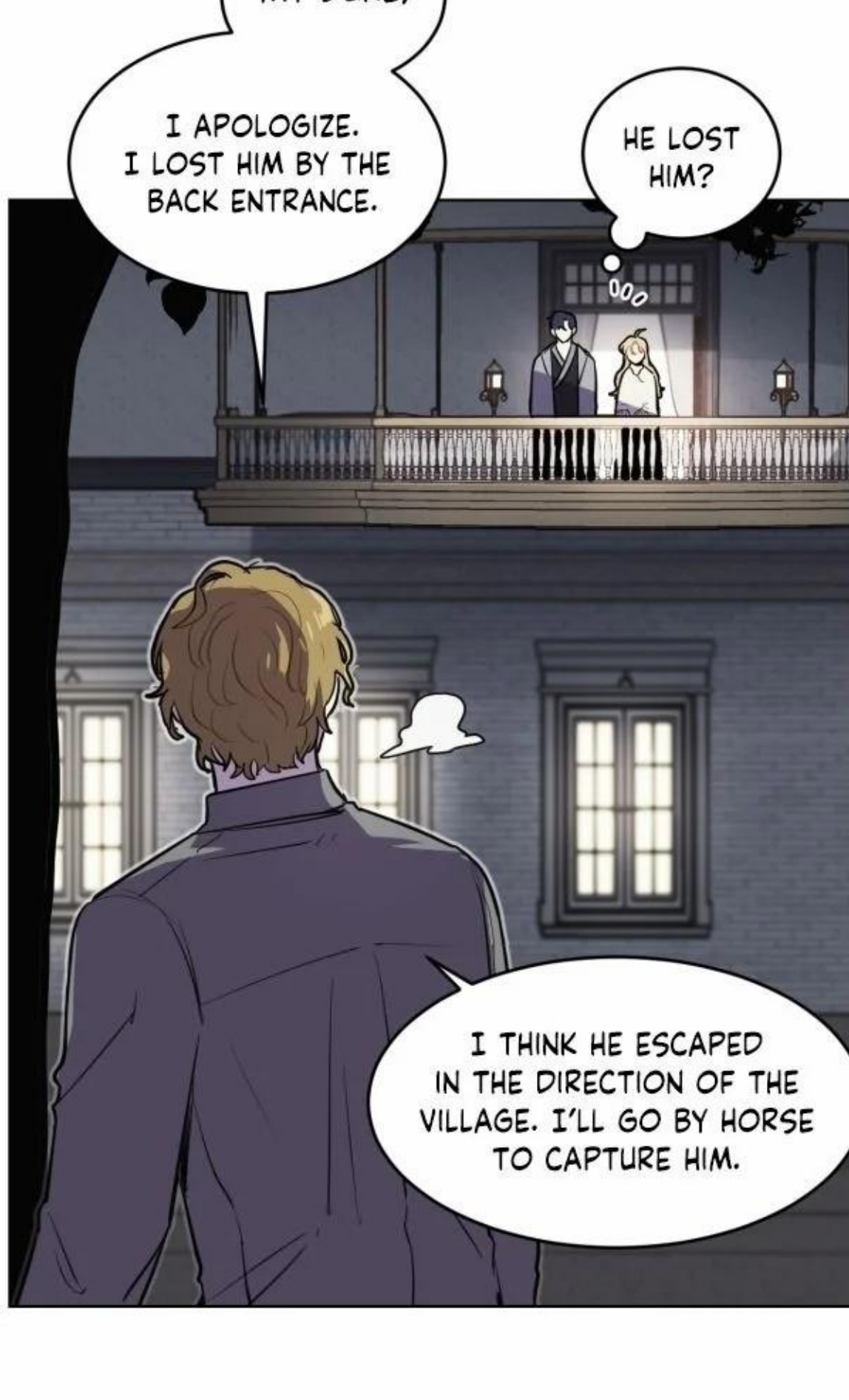
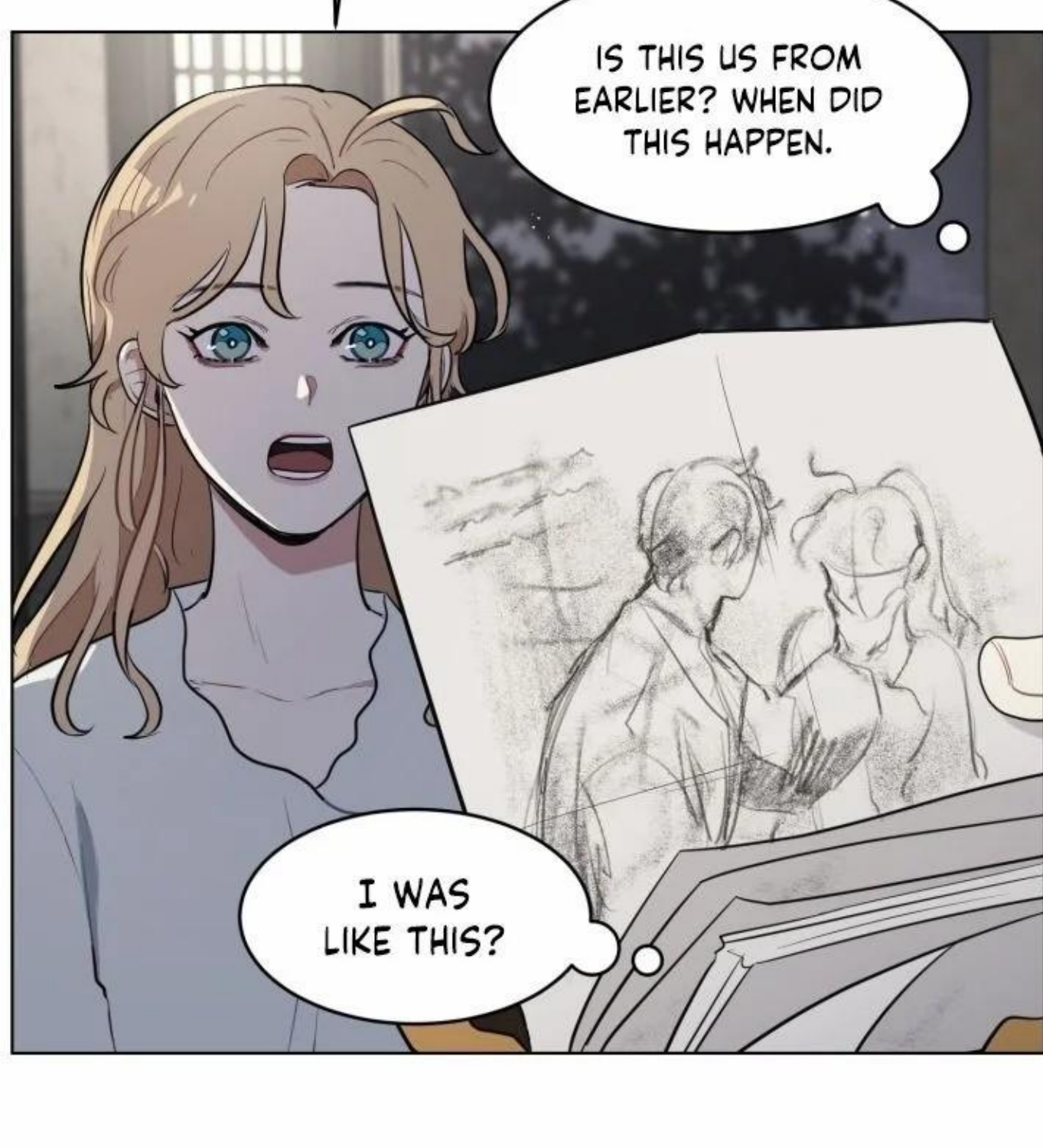


NOISY

NOISY









HOW TROUBLESOME.

IF HE WAS ABLE TO HIDE  
HIS PRESENCE THAT WELL  
TO DRAW SKETCHES,

THEN HE'S DEFINITELY THE  
PAPARAZZI THAT CHANCELLOR  
TOLD ME TO DEAL WITH.

IT SEEMS YOU'VE BEEN  
TOO FOCUSED ON THAT USELESS  
WRITING INCIDENT, SEEING AS YOU'RE  
GETTING CAUGHT UP IN STUPID  
THINGS LIKE THESE.

IF HE FINDS OUT WE LOST THE  
PAPARAZZI, THERE'S NO DOUBT  
HE'S GOING TO PLOT SOMETHING  
AGAIN IN SECRET.

BECAUSE  
HE'S DEFINITELY  
BECOME VICIOUS  
TOWARDS US.

SEEMS LIKE YOU DIDN'T  
NOTICE THEM EITHER. YOU'VE  
LOWERED YOUR GUARD  
TOO MUCH.

HAH.

A PAPARAZZI, HUH.  
IT WAS MY FIRST TIME  
SEEING ONE.

PEEK

INTERESTING...

TH- THIS IS...!

!

SHOCK

(PROTECTING  
HIMSELF)

WE HAVE TO CATCH  
HIM RIGHT AWAY!

I'LL GO AFTER HIM!

YOU WILL?

THIS DRAWING STYLE  
IS DEFINITELY...!

THE SAME AS THE  
DRAWINGS THAT WERE  
UP IN MY ROOM...? IT'S  
TOTALLY THE SAME!

IF I HAVE THIS  
GUY'S DRAWINGS, THEN  
I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY  
ABOUT THE NOVEL!

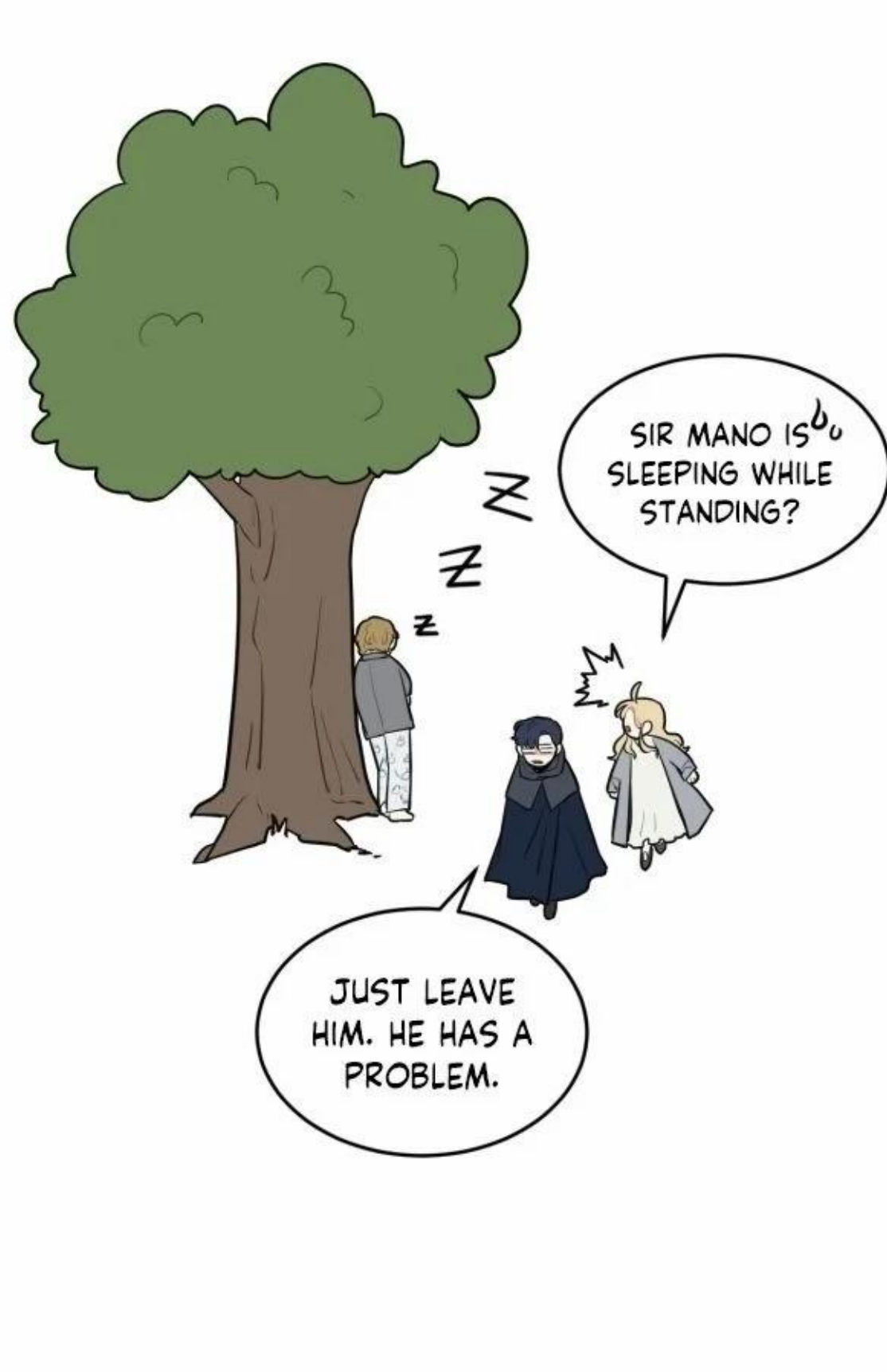
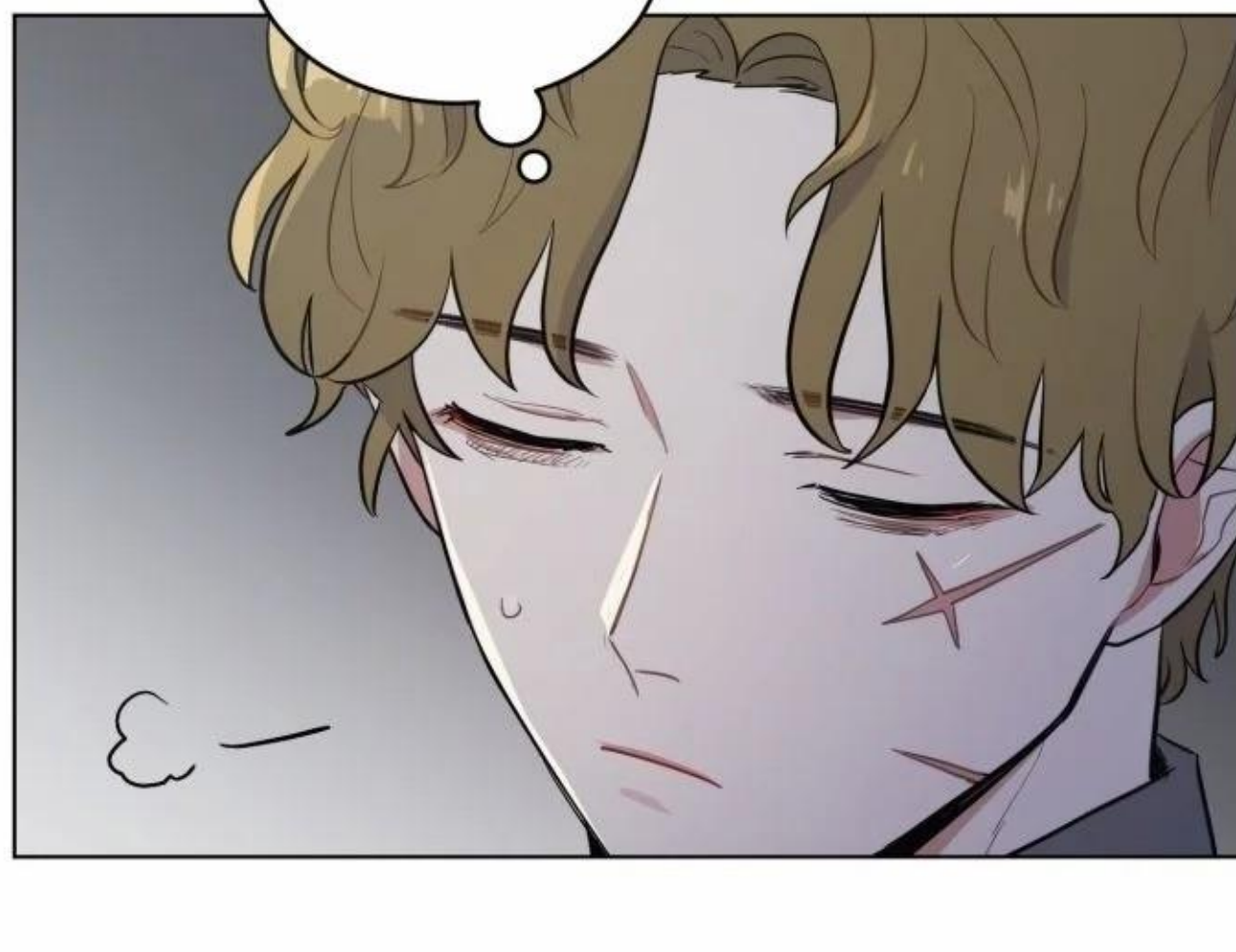
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IT'S REALLY  
IMPORTANT!

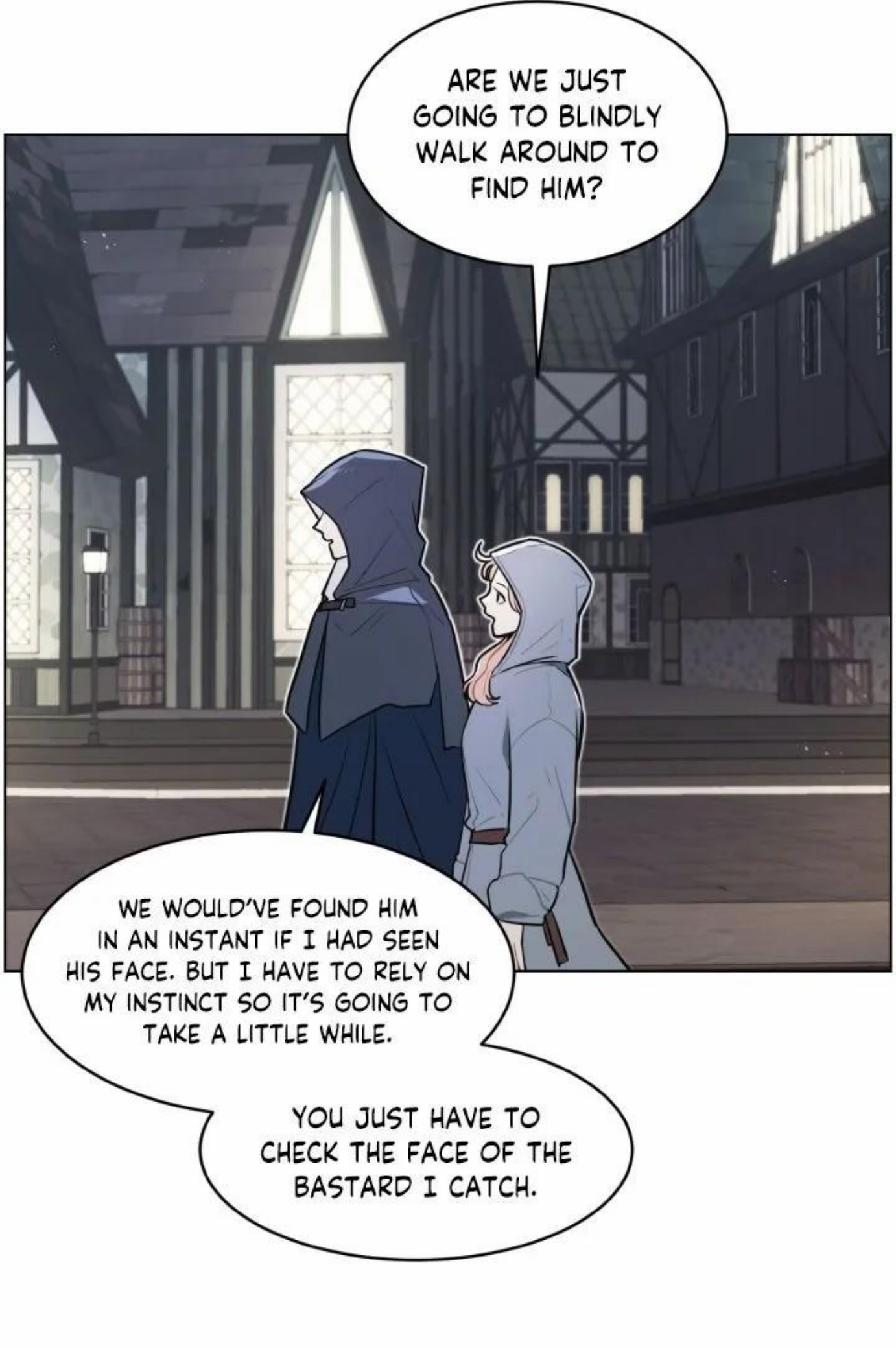




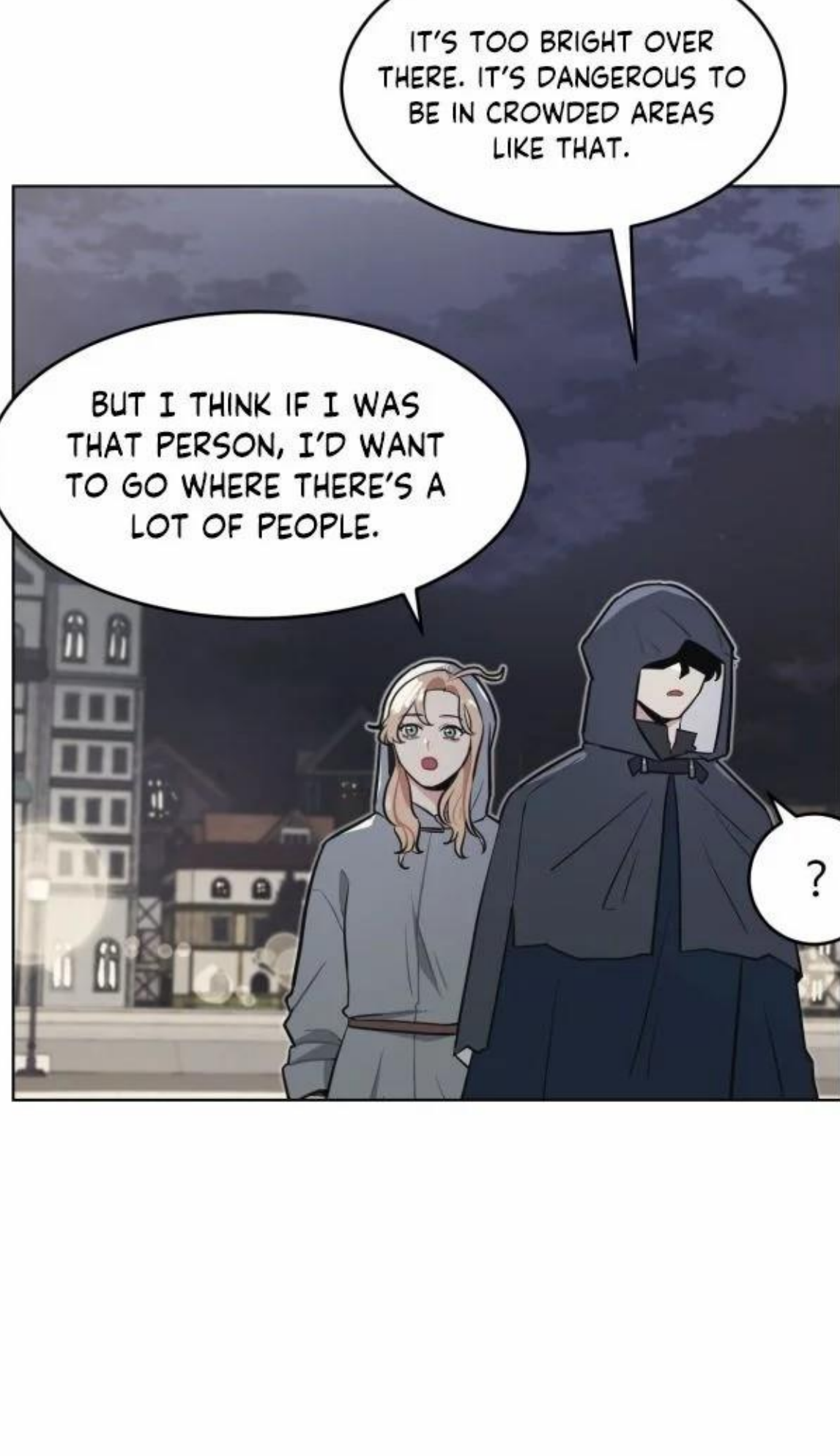
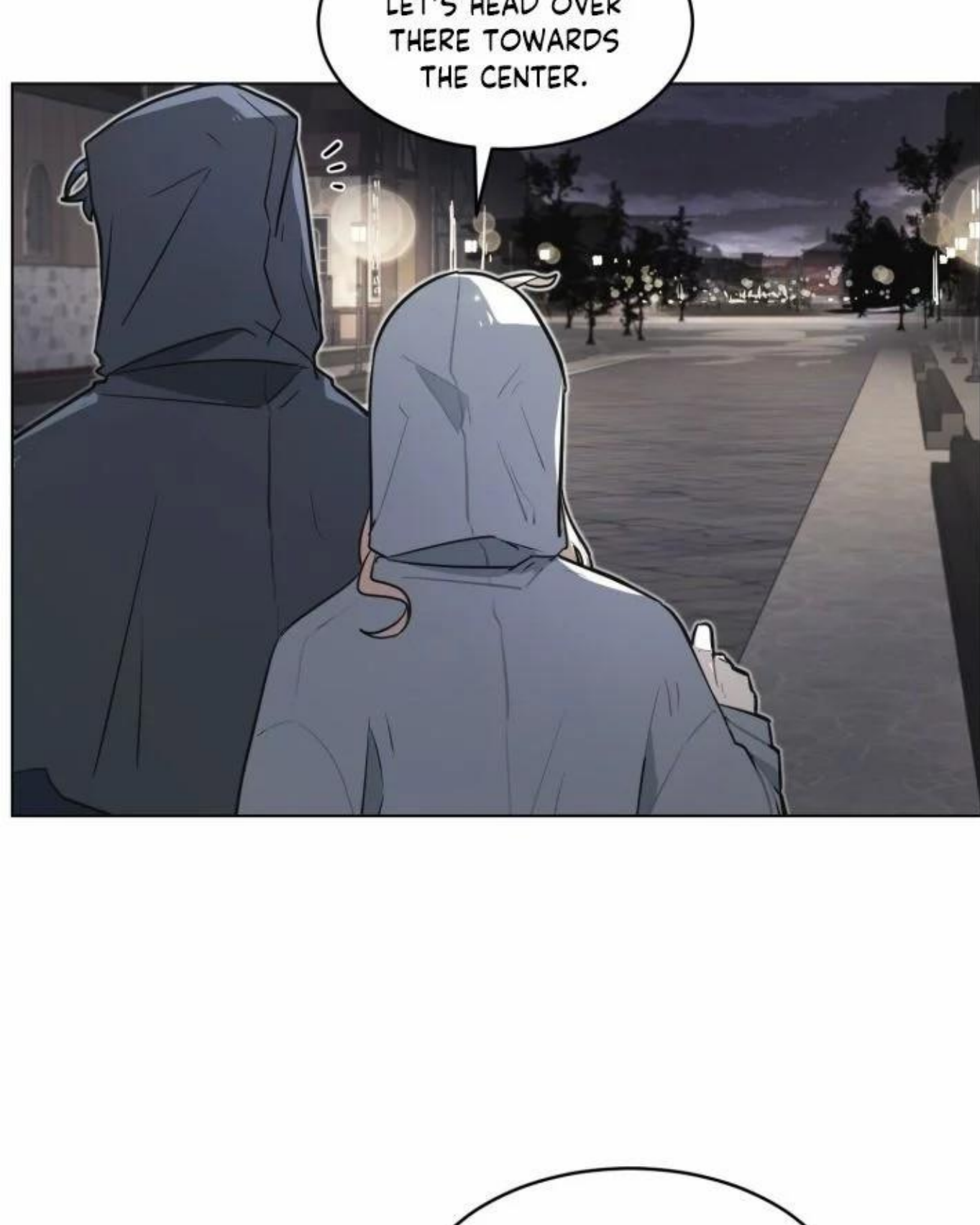
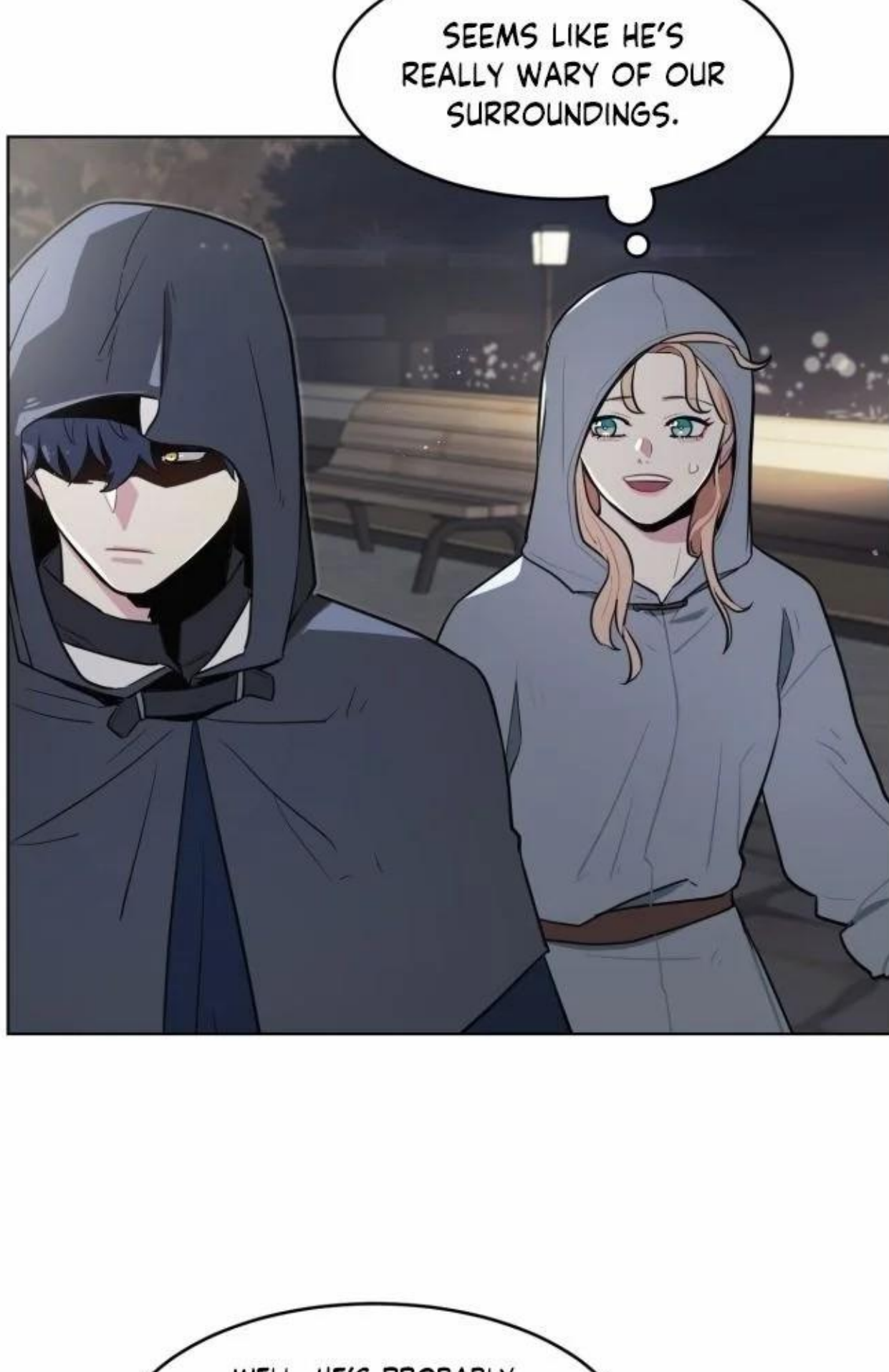




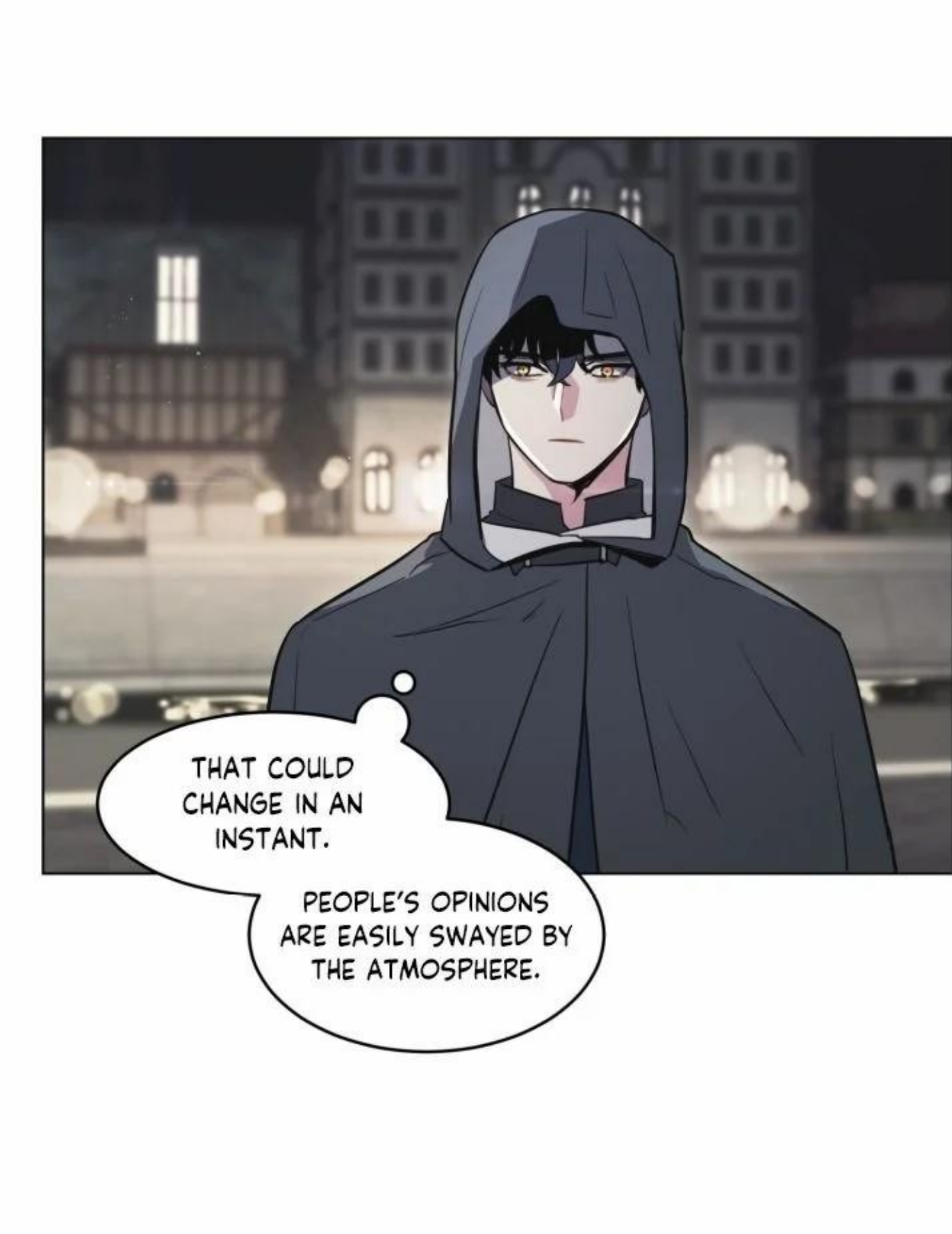
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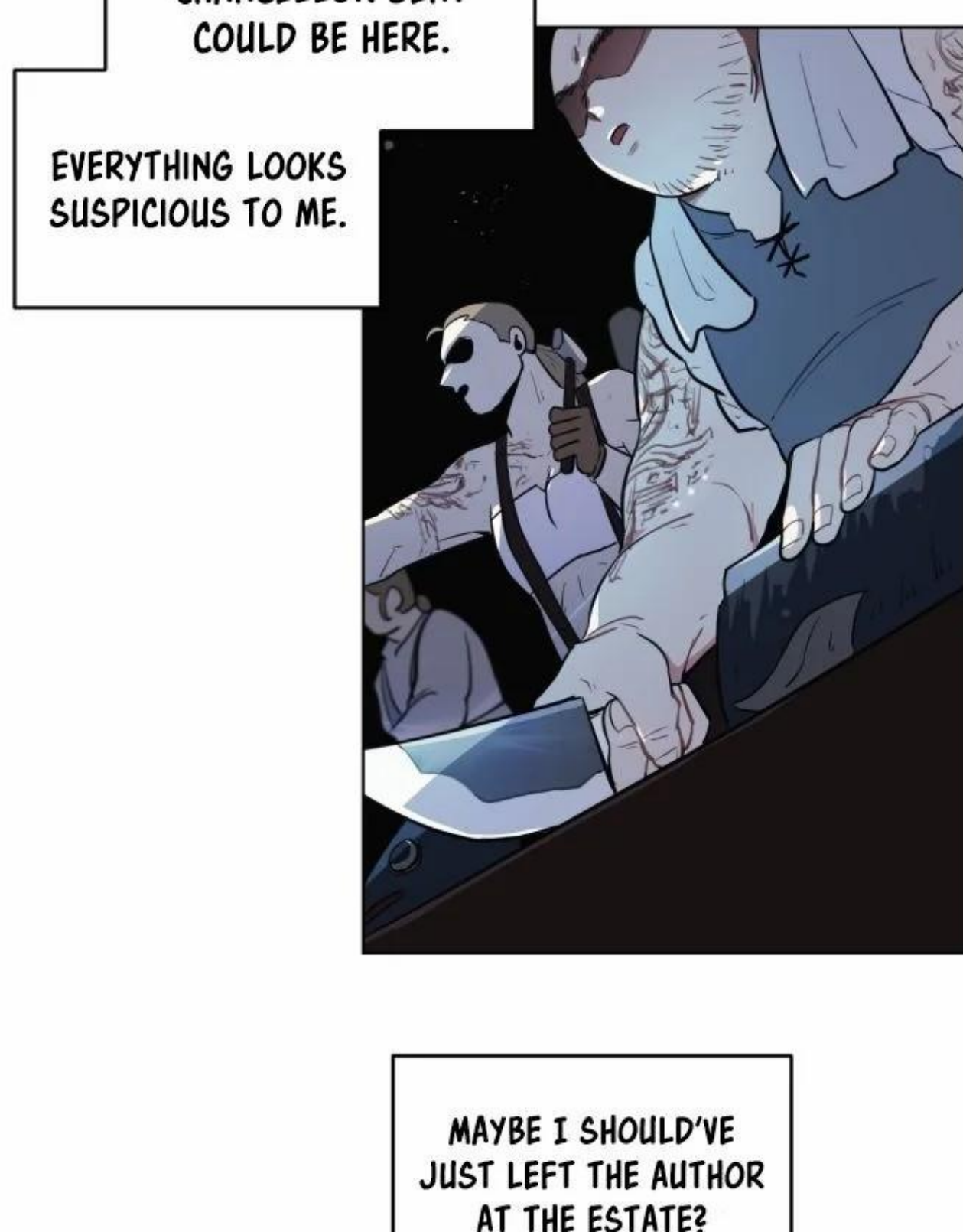








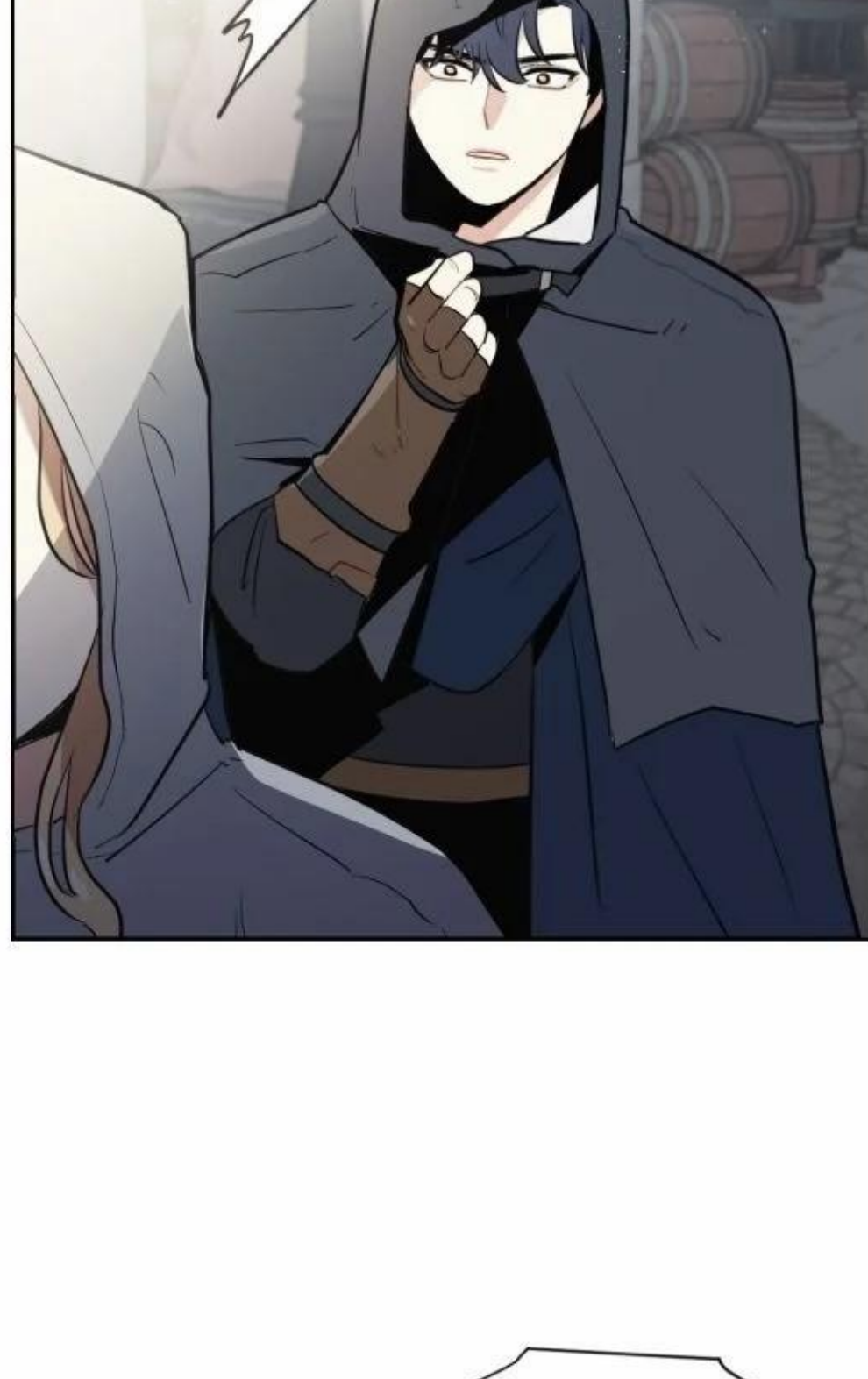




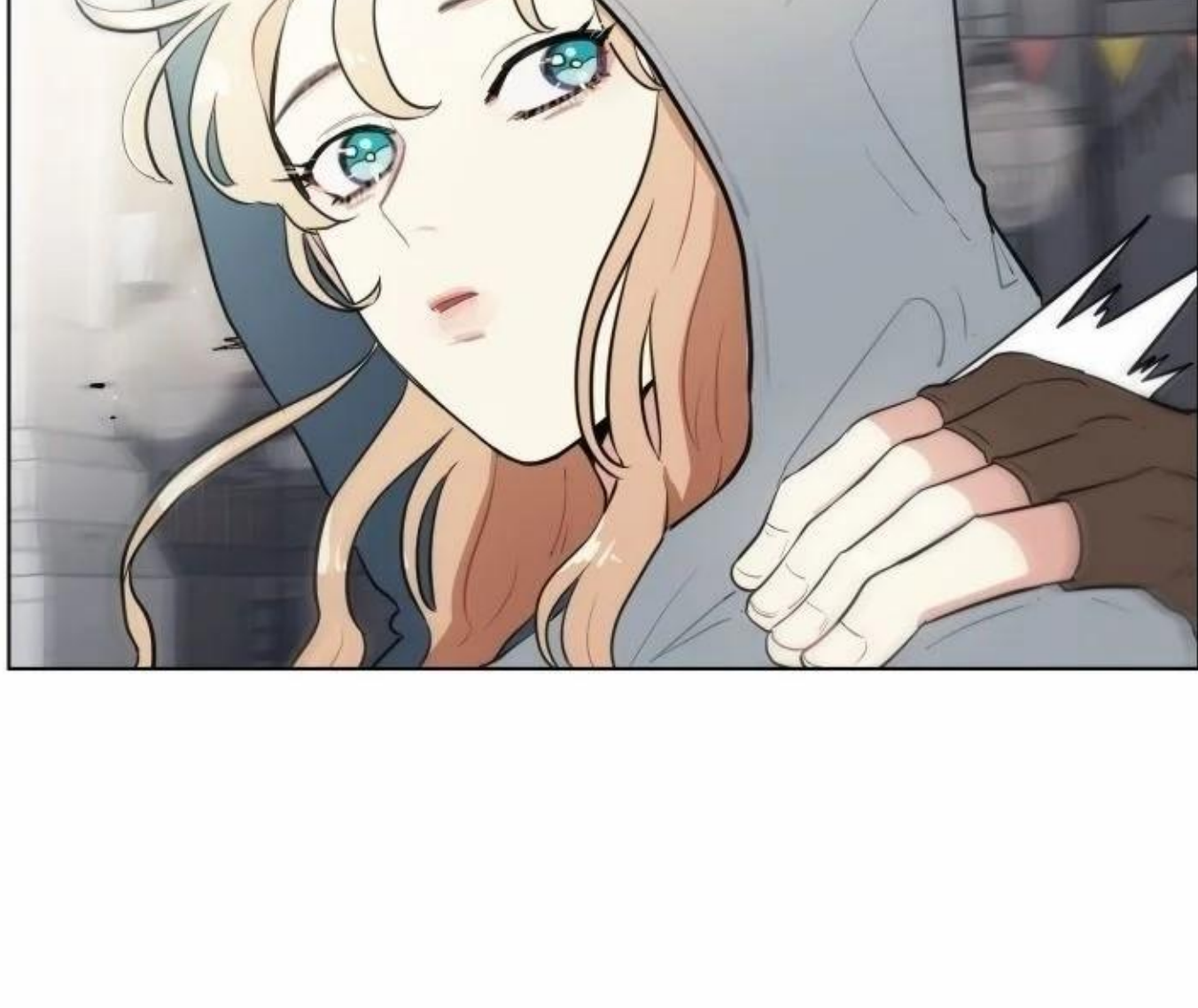


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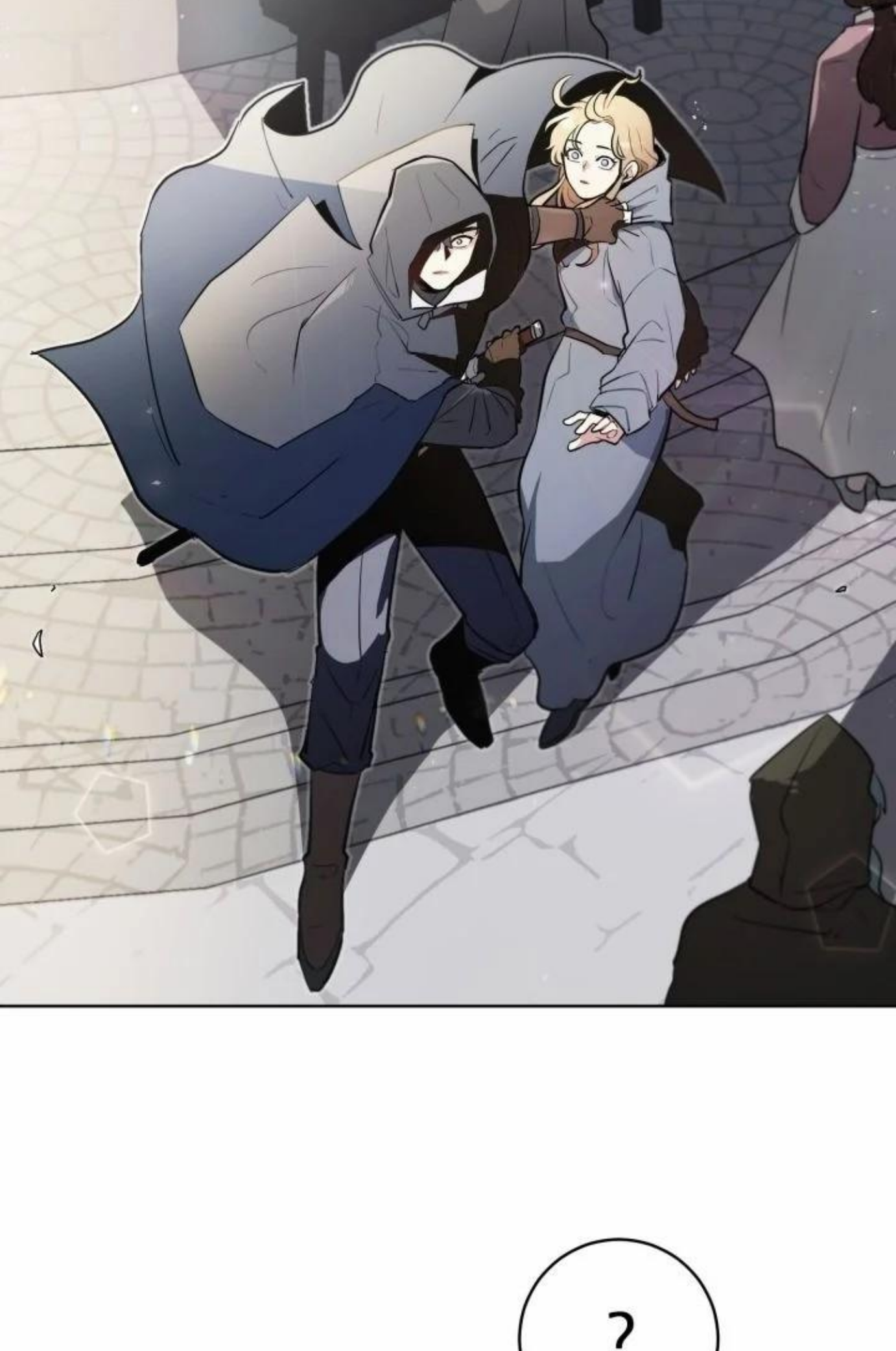
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IT'S DANGEROUS!



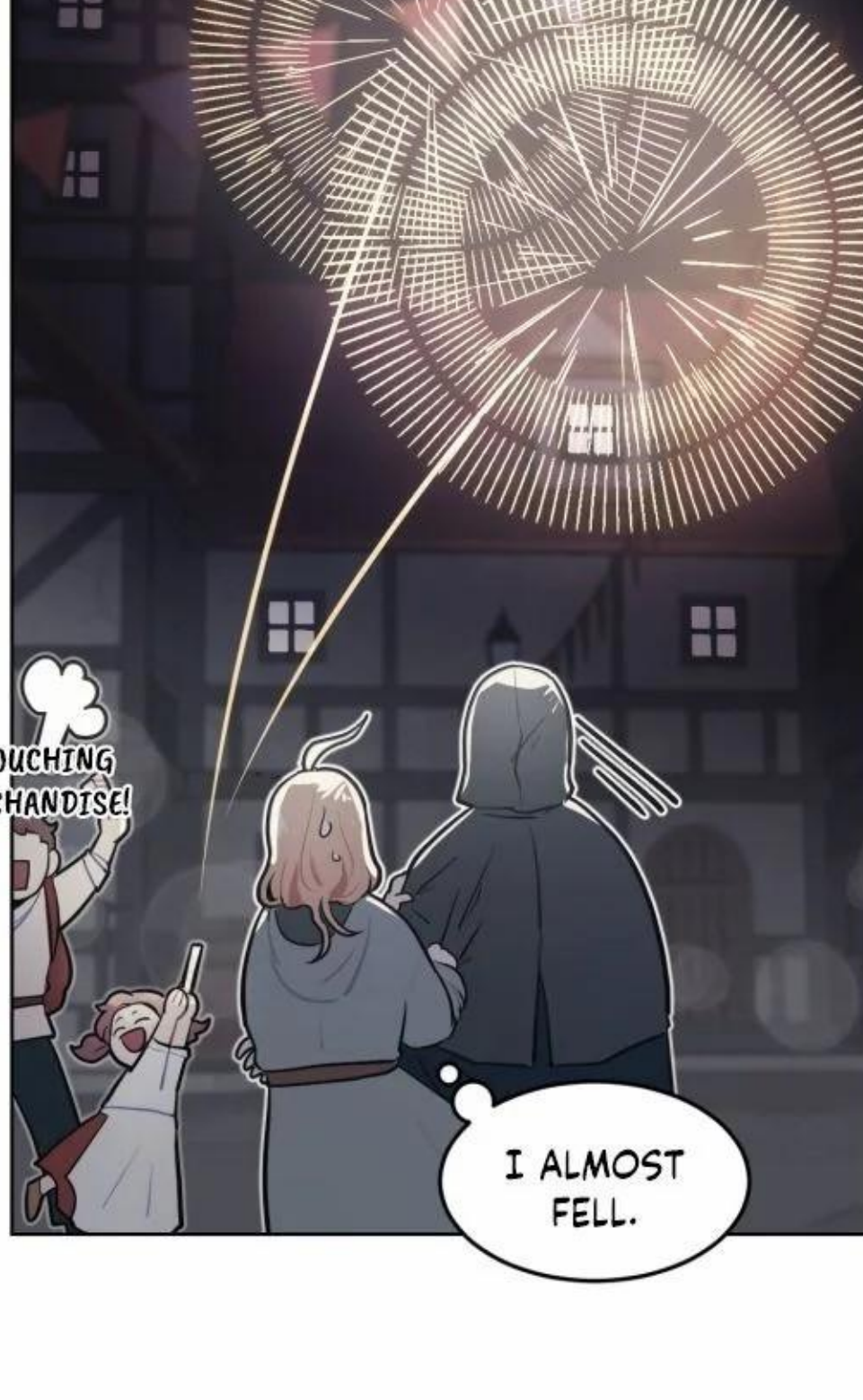
POP



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SUDDEN FIREWORKS



STOP TOUCHING  
MY MERCHANDISE!

I ALMOST  
FELL.

POP

POP

HE'S REALLY 6  
FREAKING ON  
EDGE.



ARE YOU  
ALRIGHT? SHALL WE  
HEAD BACK?

I'M FINE.

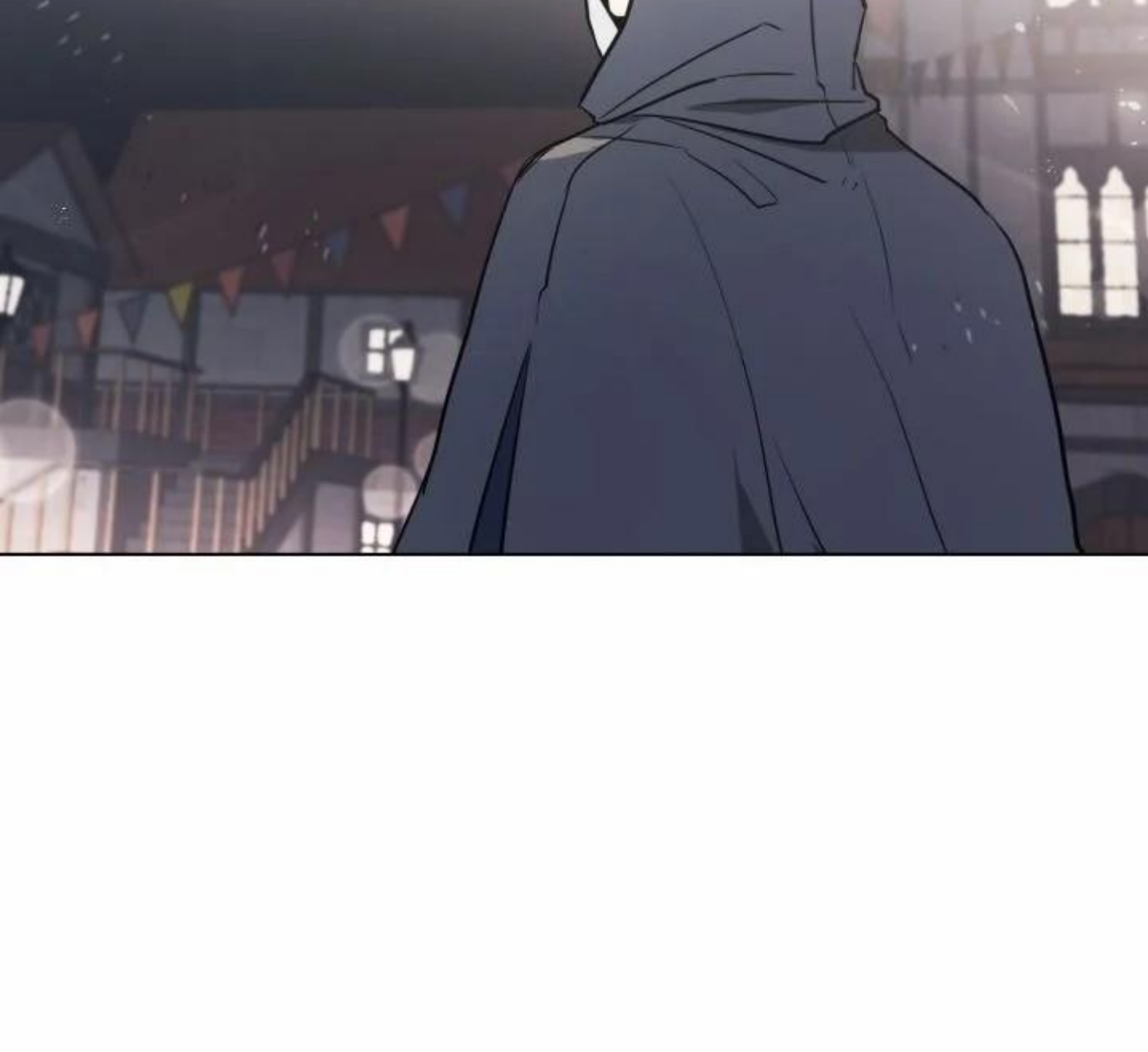
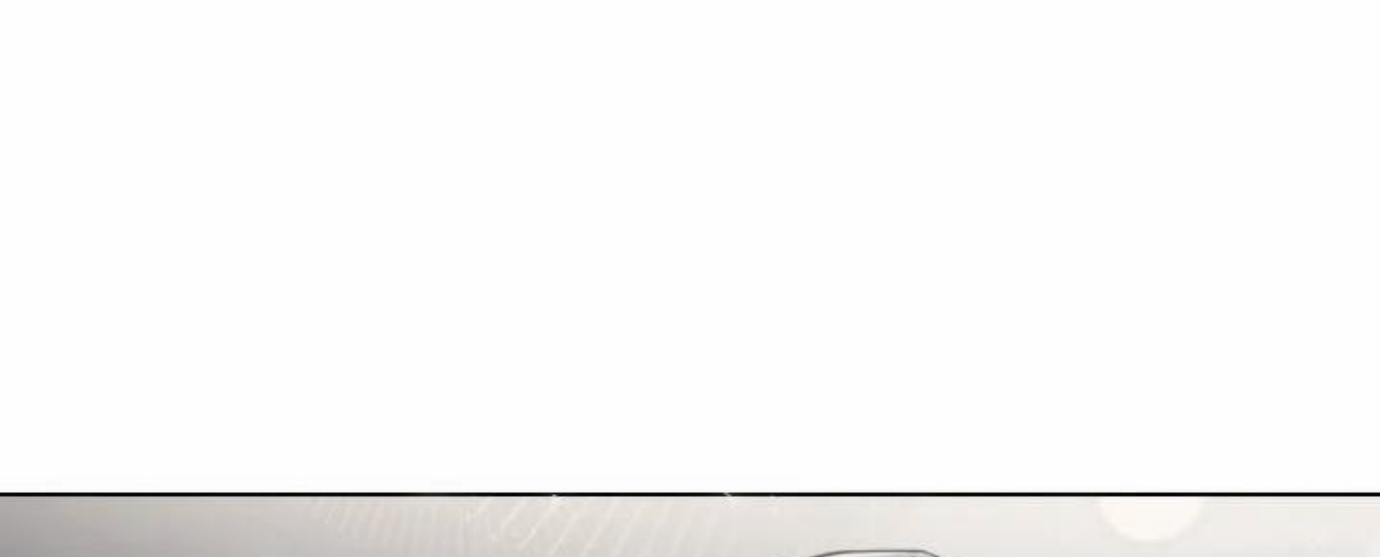
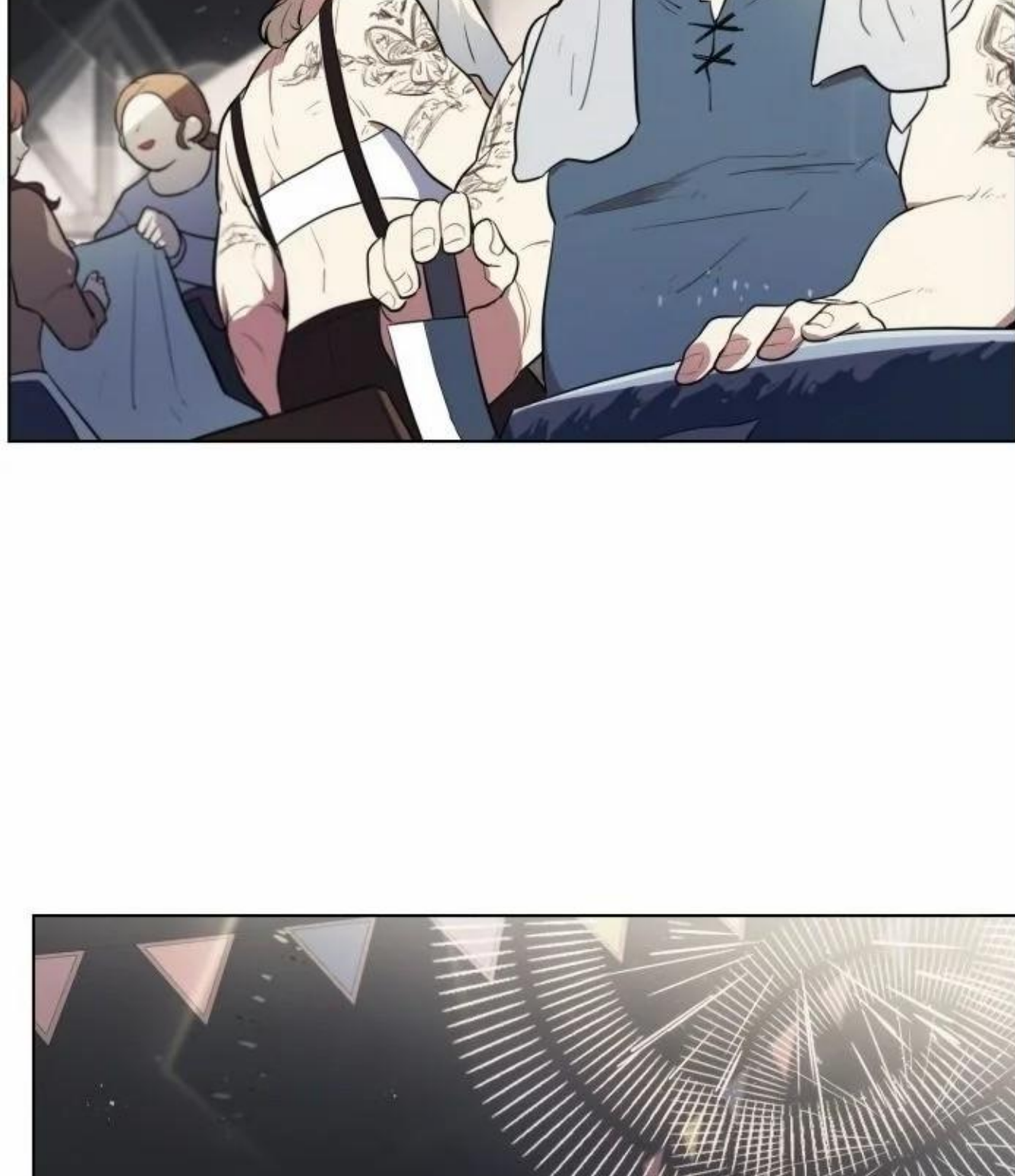
THEN LET'S  
JUST LOOK  
AROUND FOR  
A BIT.

GEEZ... TRYING  
TO PROTECT HER IS  
REALLY TIRING.



KEEP AN EYE ON THE  
PEOPLE AROUND YOU. WE  
HAVE TO HURRY AND FIND  
THE PAPARAZZI...





OH, I'M SORRY.

IT'S BEEN AWHILE  
SINCE I LAST SAW  
FIREWORKS...

EMBARRASSED

LET'S GO.

.....



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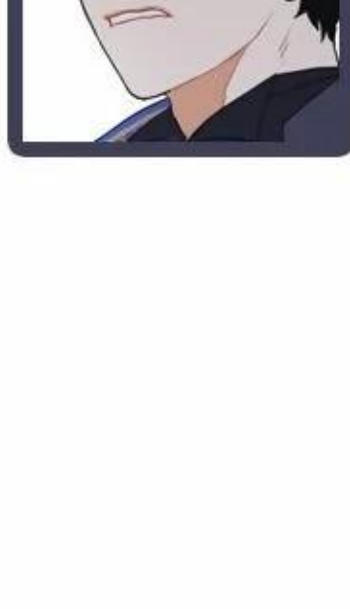
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NOISY



WOW... ISN'T THIS  
JUST LIKE A TOURIST  
SPOT DEDICATED TO  
THE PRINCE?

NO WONDER  
THERE'S SO MANY  
PEOPLE.

NOISY



THERE'S ALL  
KINDS OF THINGS...

IS IT MORE LIVELY NOW  
BECAUSE IT'S NIGHTTIME, WHEN  
THE PRINCE IS LEAST LIKELY TO NOTICE  
ALL OF THIS? I SHOULD COME BACK  
SOMETIME WITH LIZZIE.



WHOA, IT'S  
THE PRINCE!

STARTLED

STARTLED

!



UH, ANYONE  
CAN TELL HE'S  
A FAKE.

SO  
WHAT?

FREE  
HUG

WHO WANTS A HUG,  
MY FELLOW FANS?

HEHE, ME!

LET'S HUG HIM.



ISN'T THIS  
SITUATION SO  
HILARIOUS?



JUST LOOK.

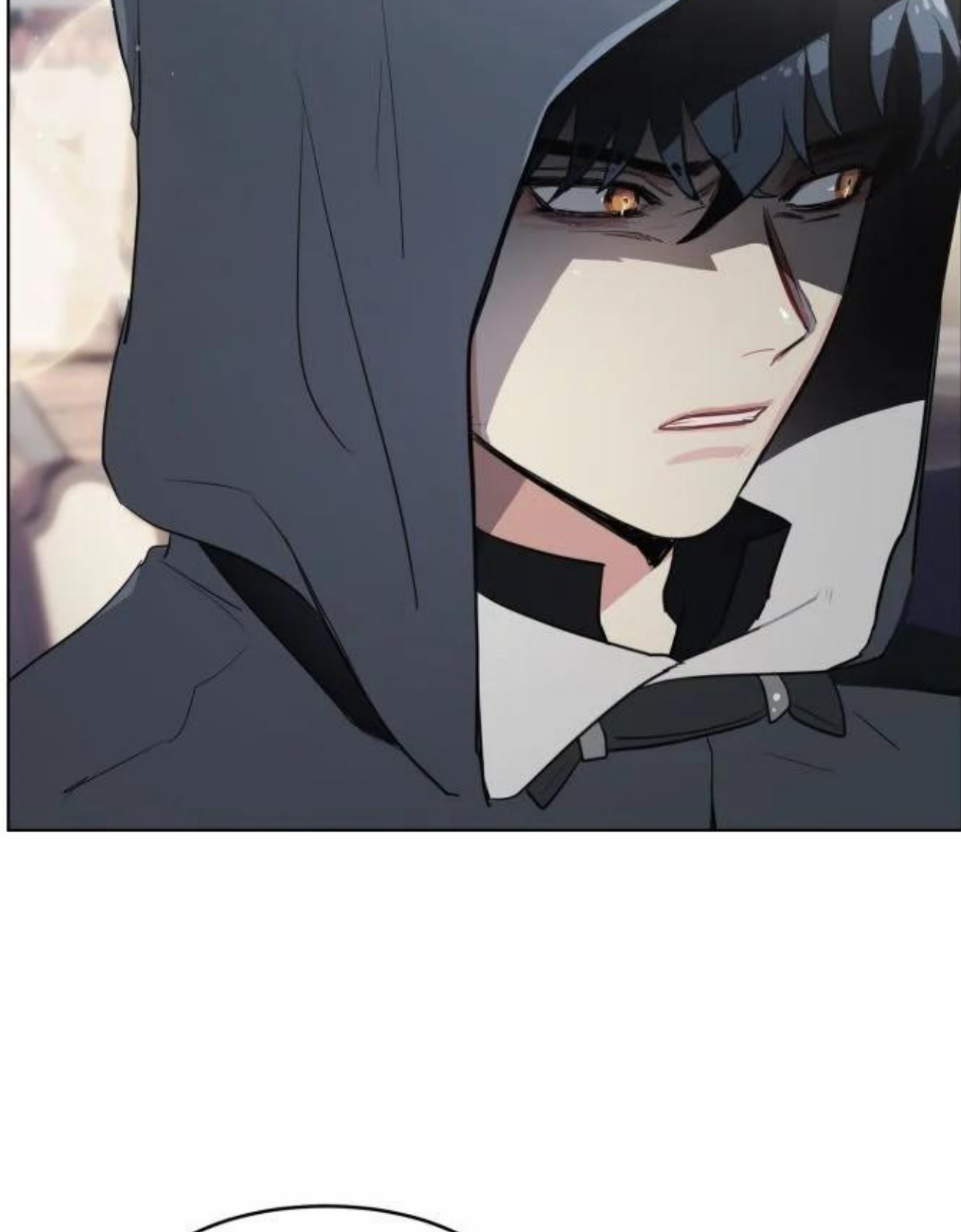
THERE ARE SO  
MANY PEOPLE WHO  
LOVE YOU.





... WHAT  
AN EYESORE.

MUTTER



LET'S GO  
SOME PLACE  
QUIETER.

...?



IT WAS DEFINITELY  
A LOT QUIETER WHEN I  
CAME HERE LAST TIME  
WITH LIZZIE.

NOISY

NOISY

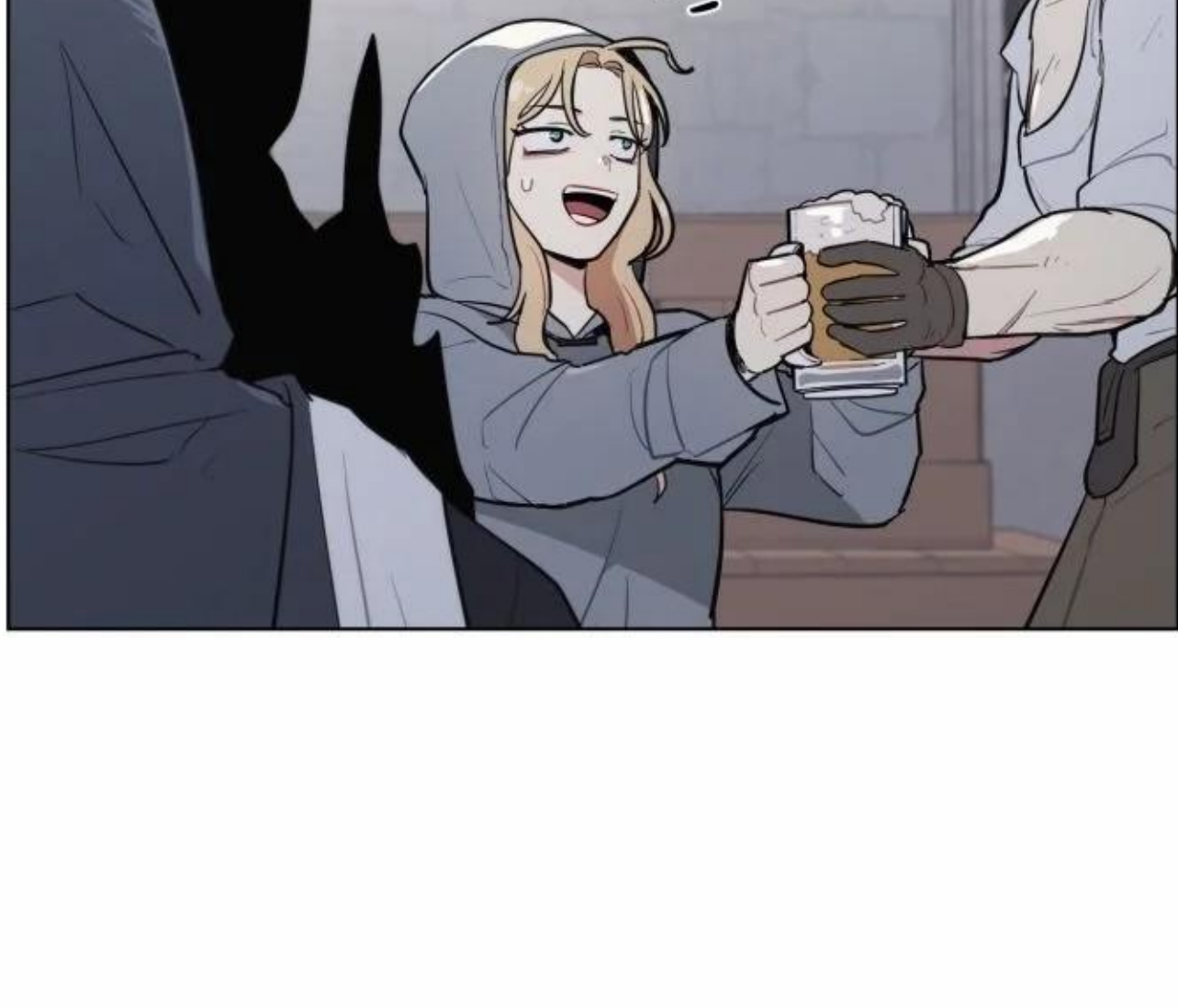
PRINCE OPPIA'S  
FANMEETING



JUST CALL ME  
OVER IF YOU NEED  
ANYTHING.

(GLOOMY)

OH, SURE.



ARE YOU OKAY?  
I FEEL LIKE I ASKED  
YOU TO COME HERE ONLY  
FOR IT TO BE TOO  
CROWDED.



THEY MIGHT BE  
A BIT EXCESSIVE WITH  
HOW THEY EXPRESS  
THEIR LOVE,

BUT THEY'RE ALL DOING  
IT OUT OF ADORATION FOR  
YOU, SO DON'T THINK TOO  
BADLY OF THEM.



THOUGH, TO BE FAIR,  
I'D BE CREEPED OUT TOO IF  
A STRANGER STARTED IMITATING  
ME OUT IN THE STREETS.



UGH, IT'S  
SO LOUD.

?



WHY HOLD A FAN MEETING HERE? OUR TOWN'S TURNED INTO A SHITTY MESS LATELY.

EXACTLY! WE USED TO BE THE BIG GUNS HERE.

ALL BECAUSE OF THAT DAMNED HUNK OF PAPER, TOO.

I DON'T GET WHY THEY'RE FANGIRLING OVER SUCH A SLICK PHONY.

HMPH. I GUESS EVERYONE'S FORGOTTEN ABOUT THE RUMORS OF THE PRINCE'S CRUELTY.

THEY EVEN SAID HE BURIED HIS CAPTIVES ALIVE.

THERE'S ALSO THAT RUMOR THAT THE IMPERIAL TWINS WILL BRING ABOUT BLOODSHED.

BUT THANKS TO THAT STRANGE BOOK, EVERYONE DID A COMPLETE 180...

SO RIDICULOUS.

LET ME GO AND BEAT THEM UP REAL QUICK. THOSE BASTARDS...

THEY'RE RIGHT.

WHAT?

WHENEVER I WENT OUT TO WAR, EVERYONE WISHED I'D JUST DIE.

THEY WOULD ALL BE PARTICULARLY BITTER ON DAYS I'D RETURN WITH INJURIES,

WISHING, "IF ONLY HIS WOUNDS HAD BEEN A LITTLE DEEPER."



NOW THOSE SAME PEOPLE ARE CLINGING TO ME WITH ADORATION.

I CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO THINK OF THEM IN A GOOD LIGHT WHEN THEY'VE SWITCHED SIDES SO QUICKLY.

.....

BUT ALL THOSE RUMORS ABOUT YOU WERE GROUNDLESS ANYWAY!

YOU DIDN'T KILL THE EMPRESS.

IT MIGHT BE A TAD LATE, BUT AT LEAST THE RUMORS ARE GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION NOW!

WHAT IF THAT RUMOR IS TRUE?

...!

TECHNICALLY SPEAKING, ALL THE NEW RUMORS GOING AROUND NOWADAYS ARE GROUNDLESS TOO.

IF ALL OF THOSE PAST RUMORS YOU DENY ARE TRUE, THEN WHAT WILL YOU DO?

I...

AH...

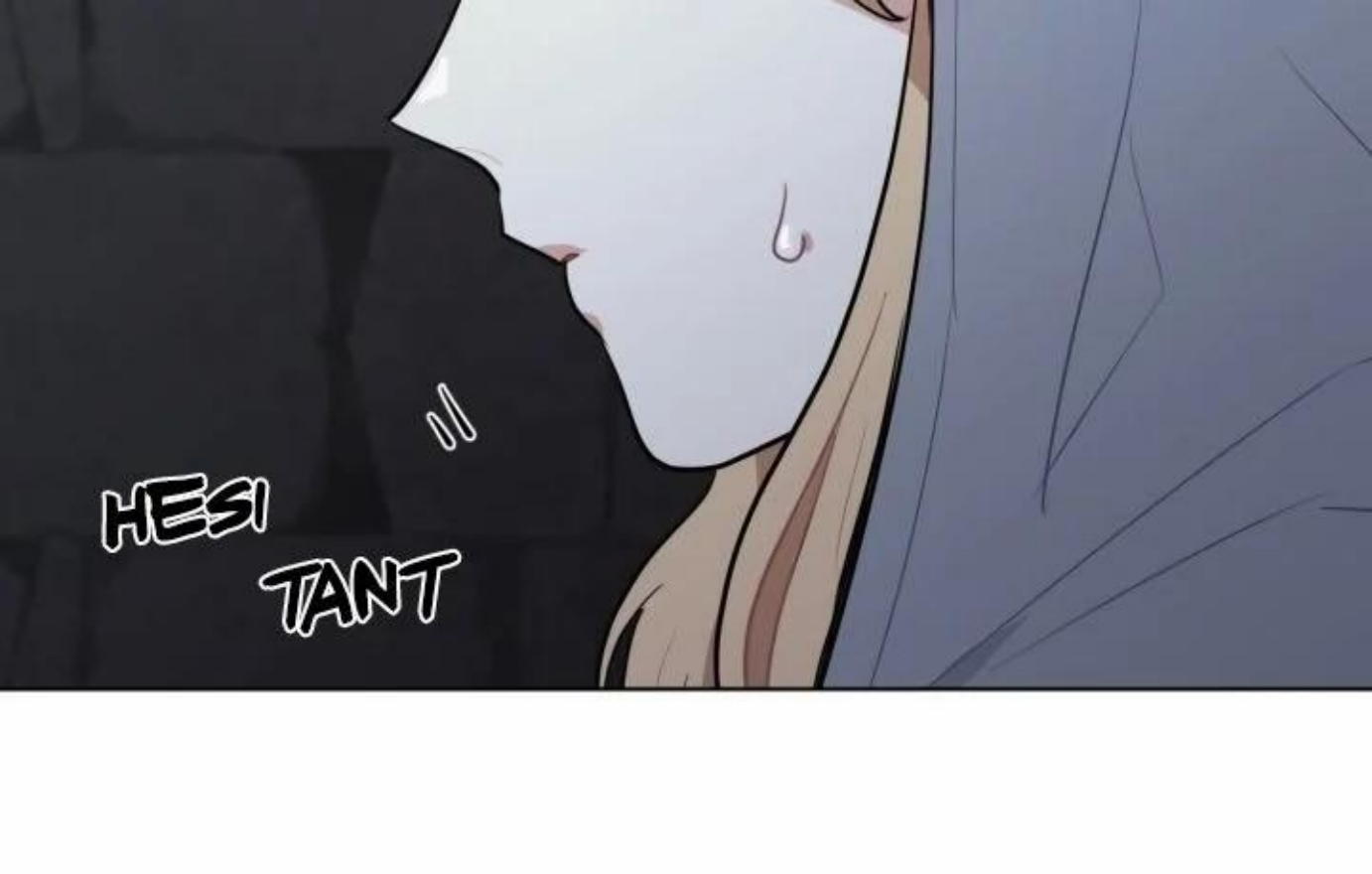
I'D FORGOTTEN

HOW SCARY THE PRINCE CAN BE AT TIMES.

BUT...

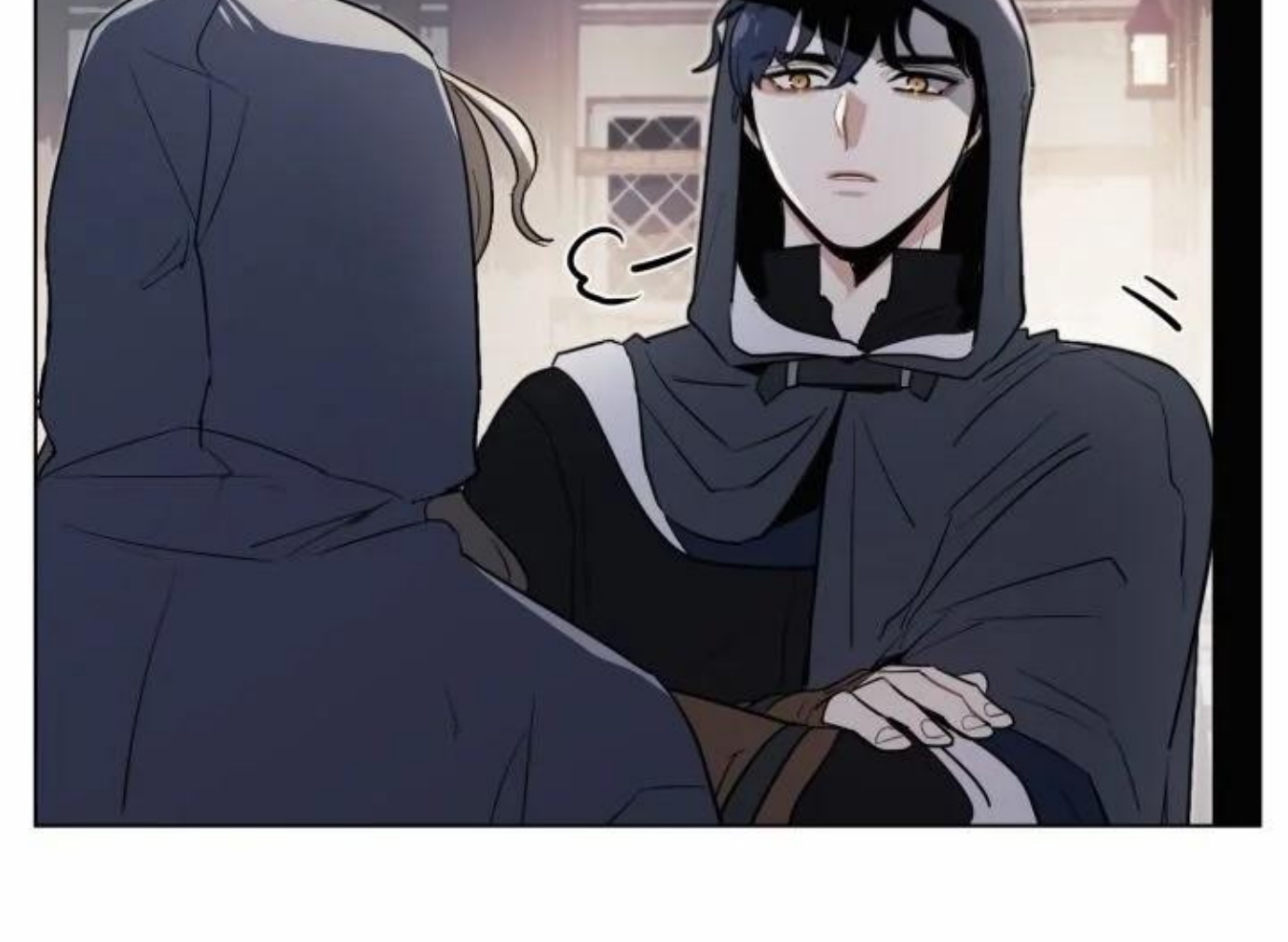




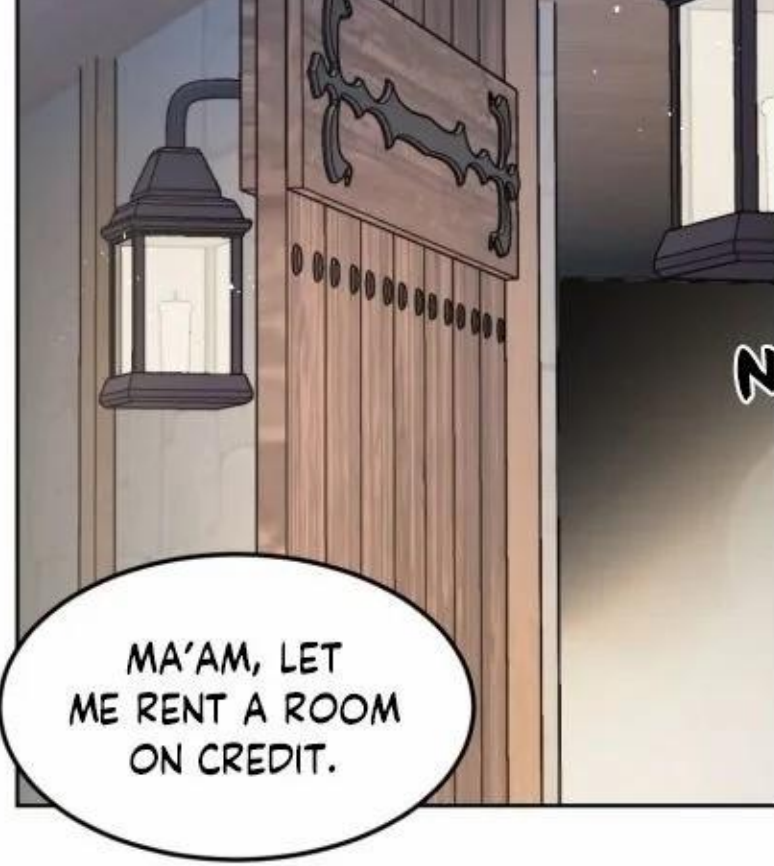


WHAT A JOKE.

SHE'S SHAKEN ALREADY WITH JUST A FEW WORDS. WHERE DID HER CONFIDENCE EVEN COME FROM...?



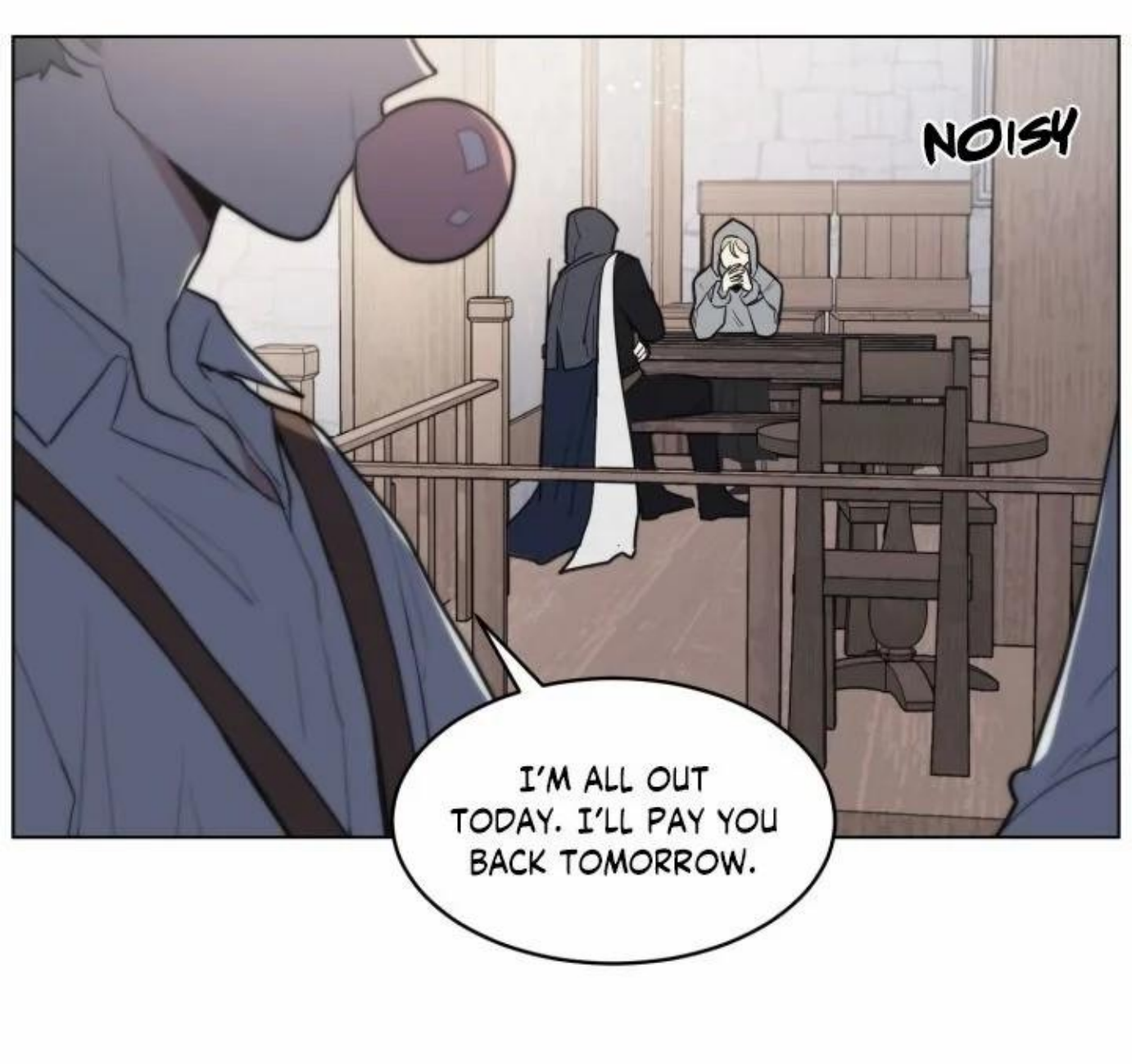
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE NO DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHERS.



MA'AM, LET ME RENT A ROOM ON CREDIT.

NOISY

CREDIT, MY ASS. PAY BACK YOUR DEBTS FIRST, BLEN.



NOISY

I'M ALL OUT TODAY. I'LL PAY YOU BACK TOMORROW.



WHERE D'YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING? YOU'RE NOT GETTING A ROOM TODAY IF YOU DON'T PAY ME BACK!

GEEZ, I WAS ALREADY IN A SHITTY MOOD ANYWAY. JUST HOLD ON, THEN.

MISTERS, I'LL DRAW YOU A CARICATURE FOR SOME MONEY.



WHO'S THIS LITTLE KIDDO? SCRAM!

I'M NOT A KIDDO.

IT'S HIM. CHECK HIS FACE.

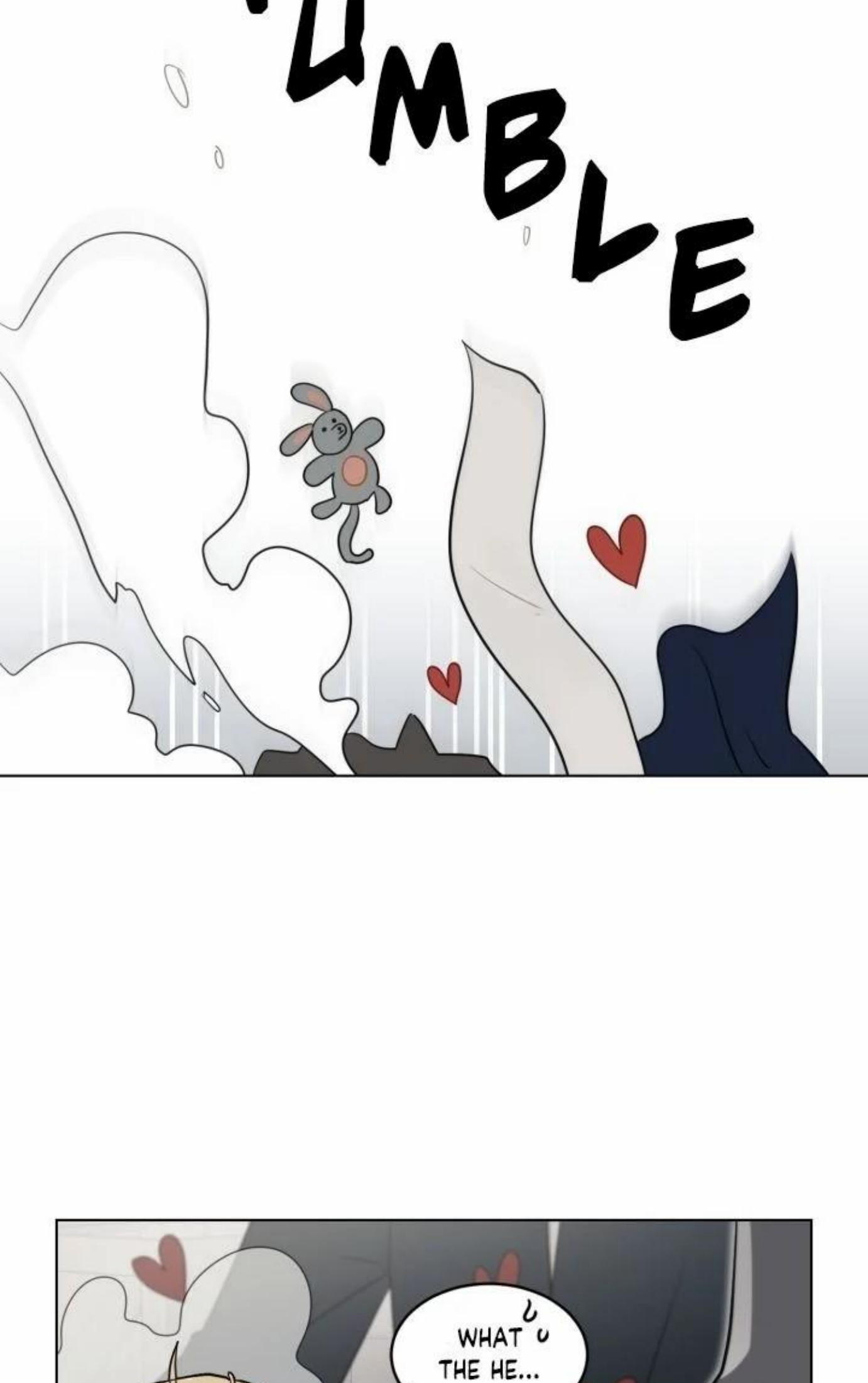


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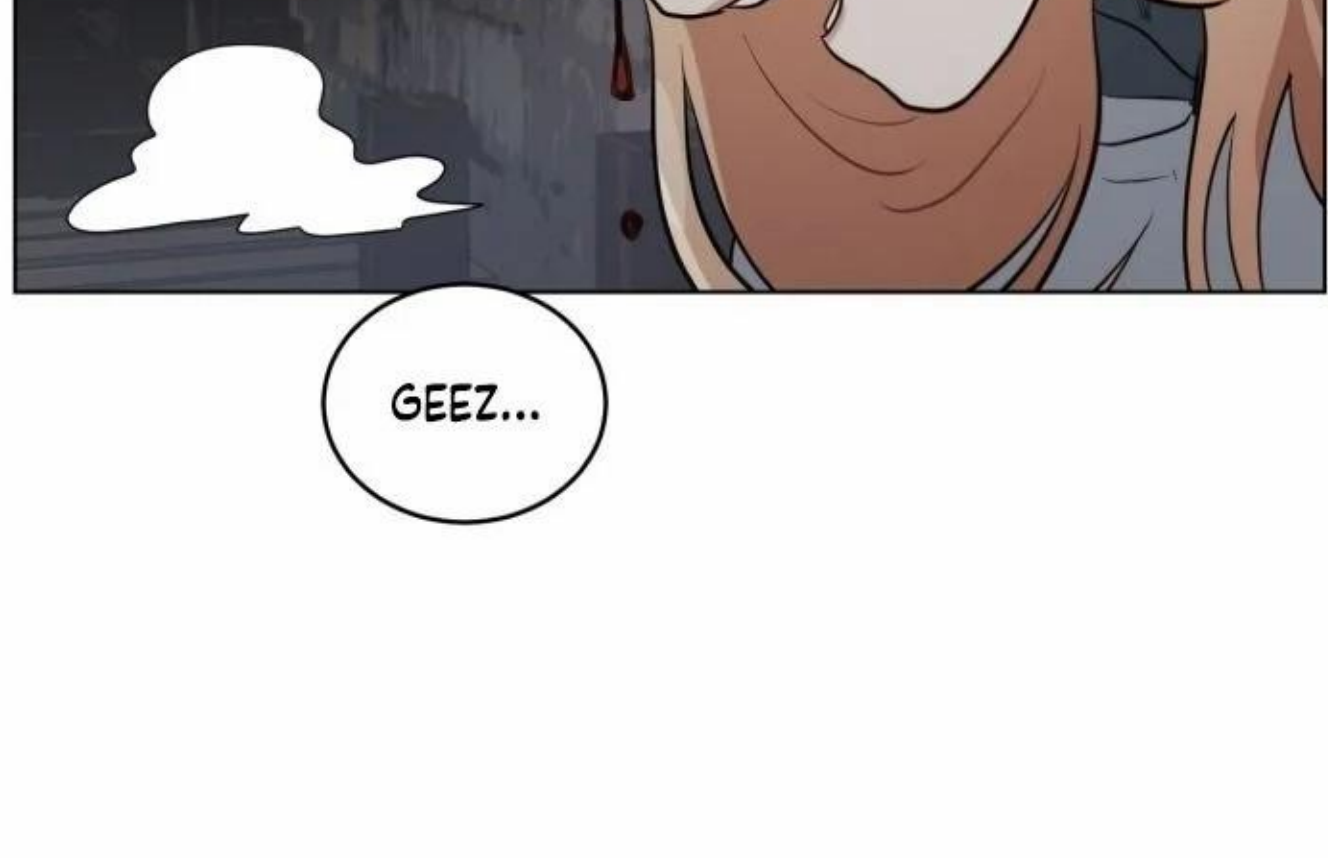
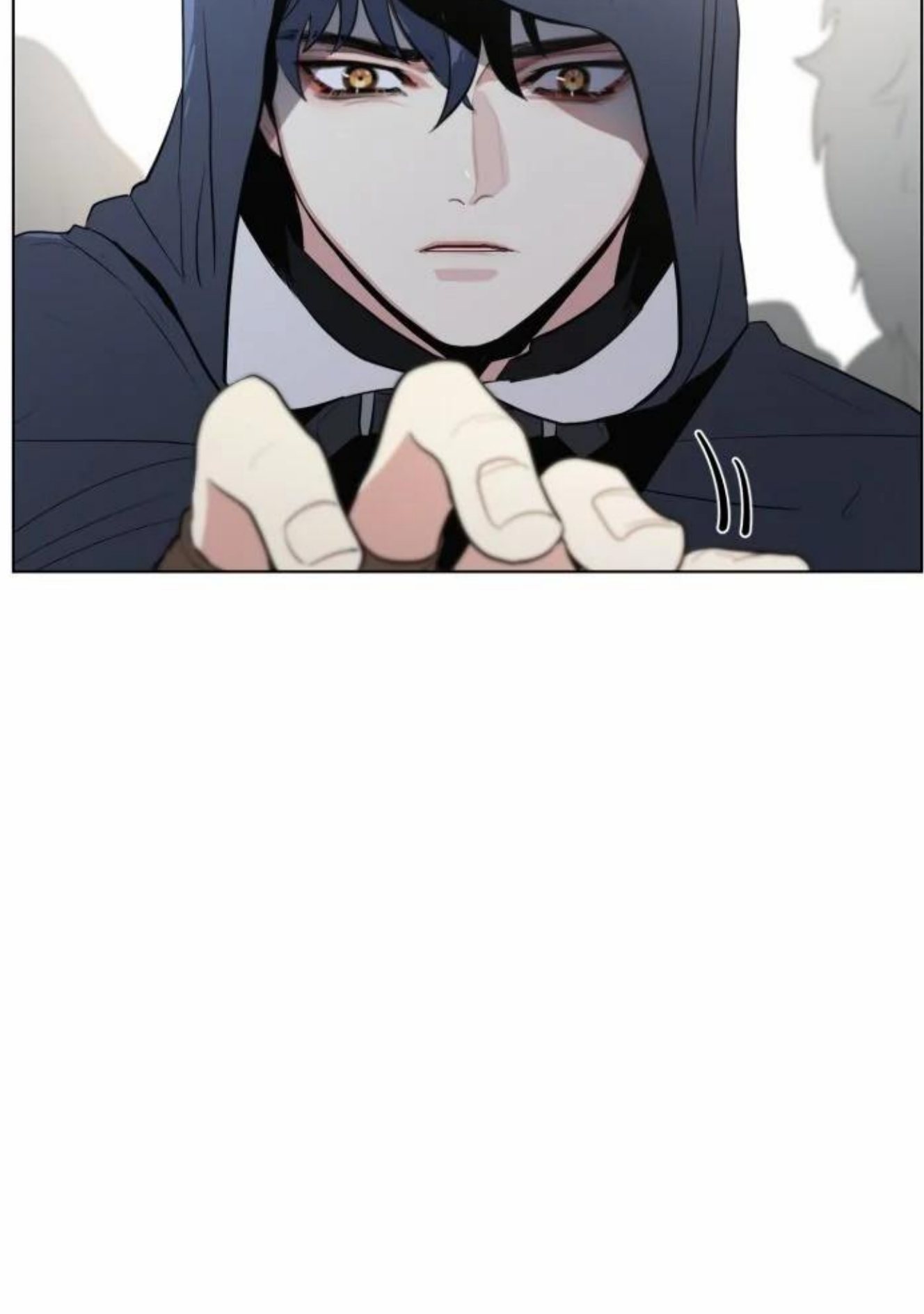
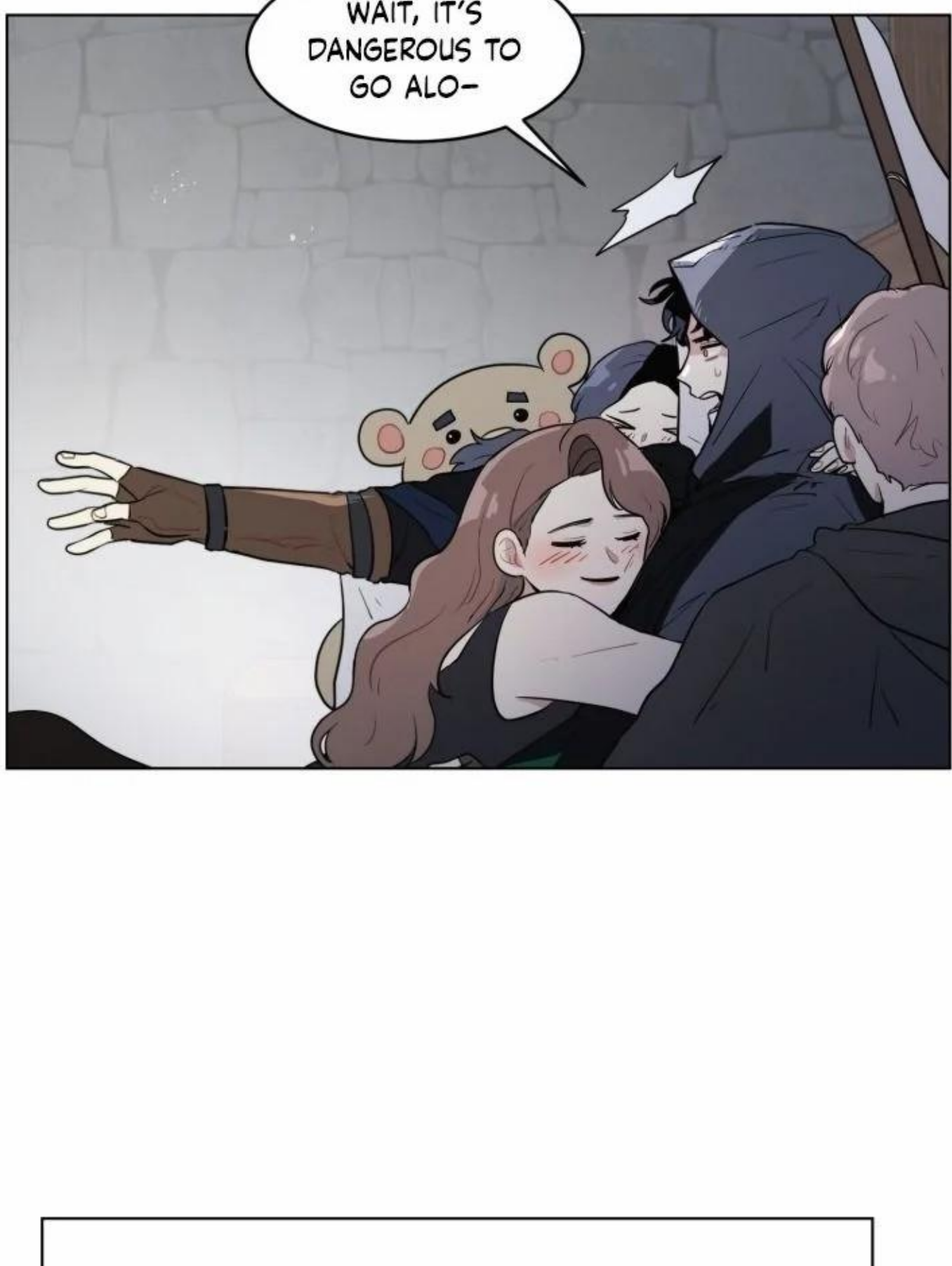




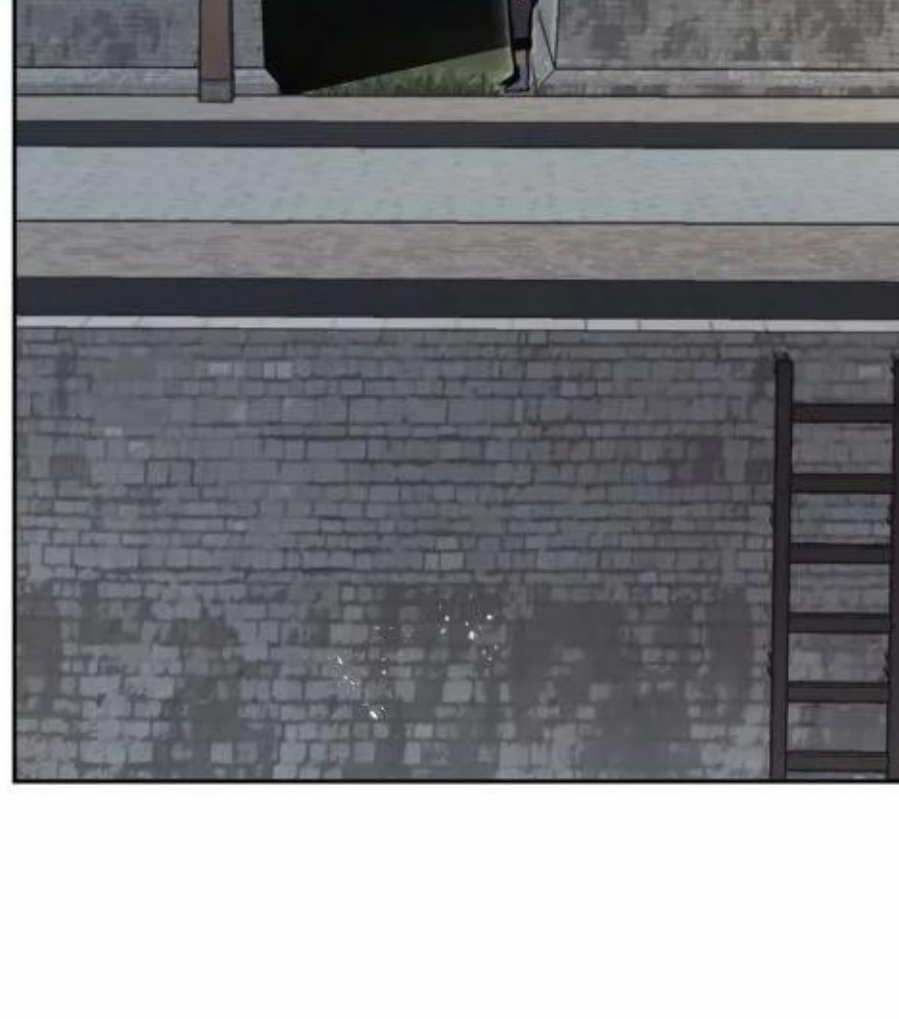
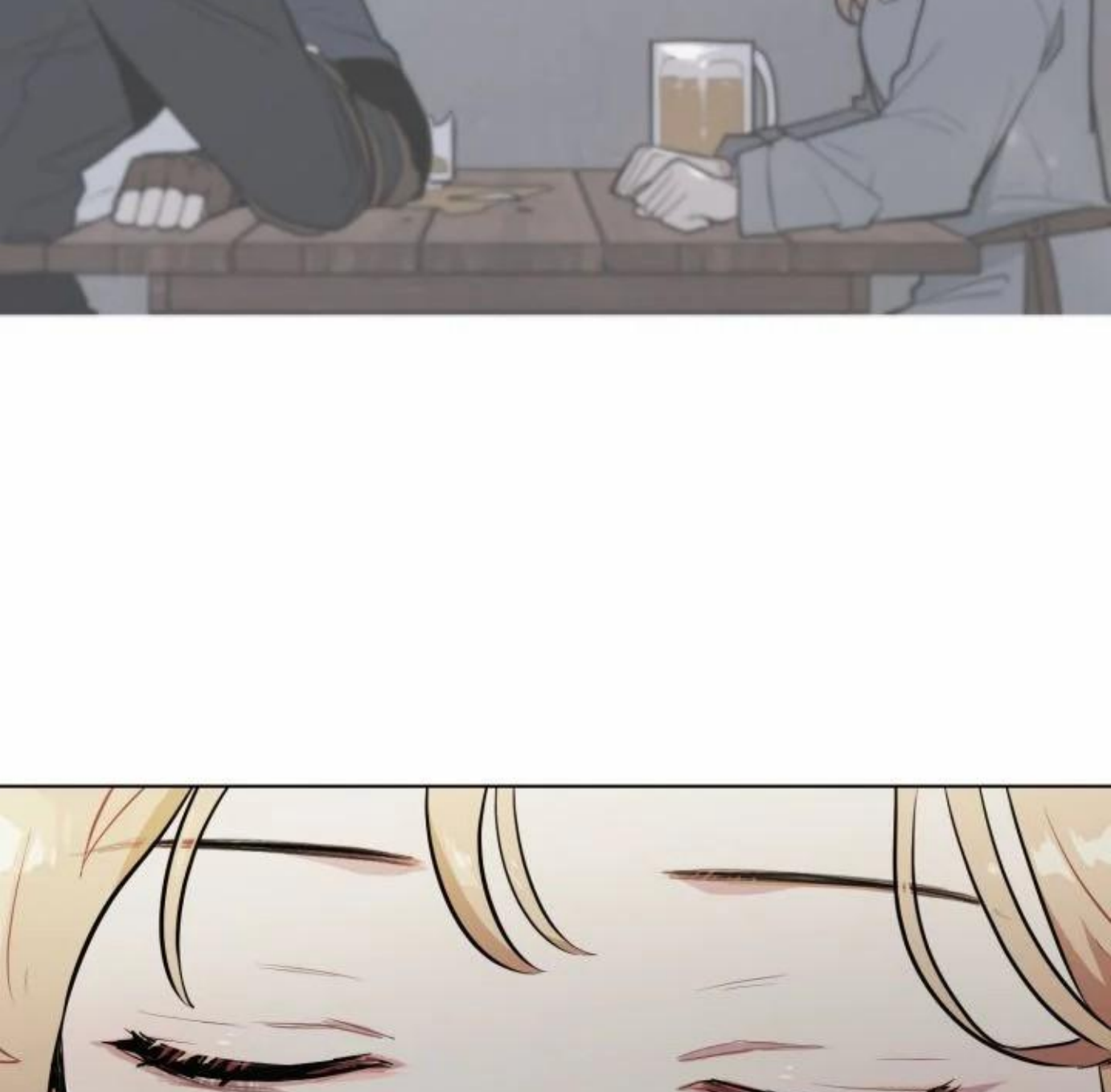
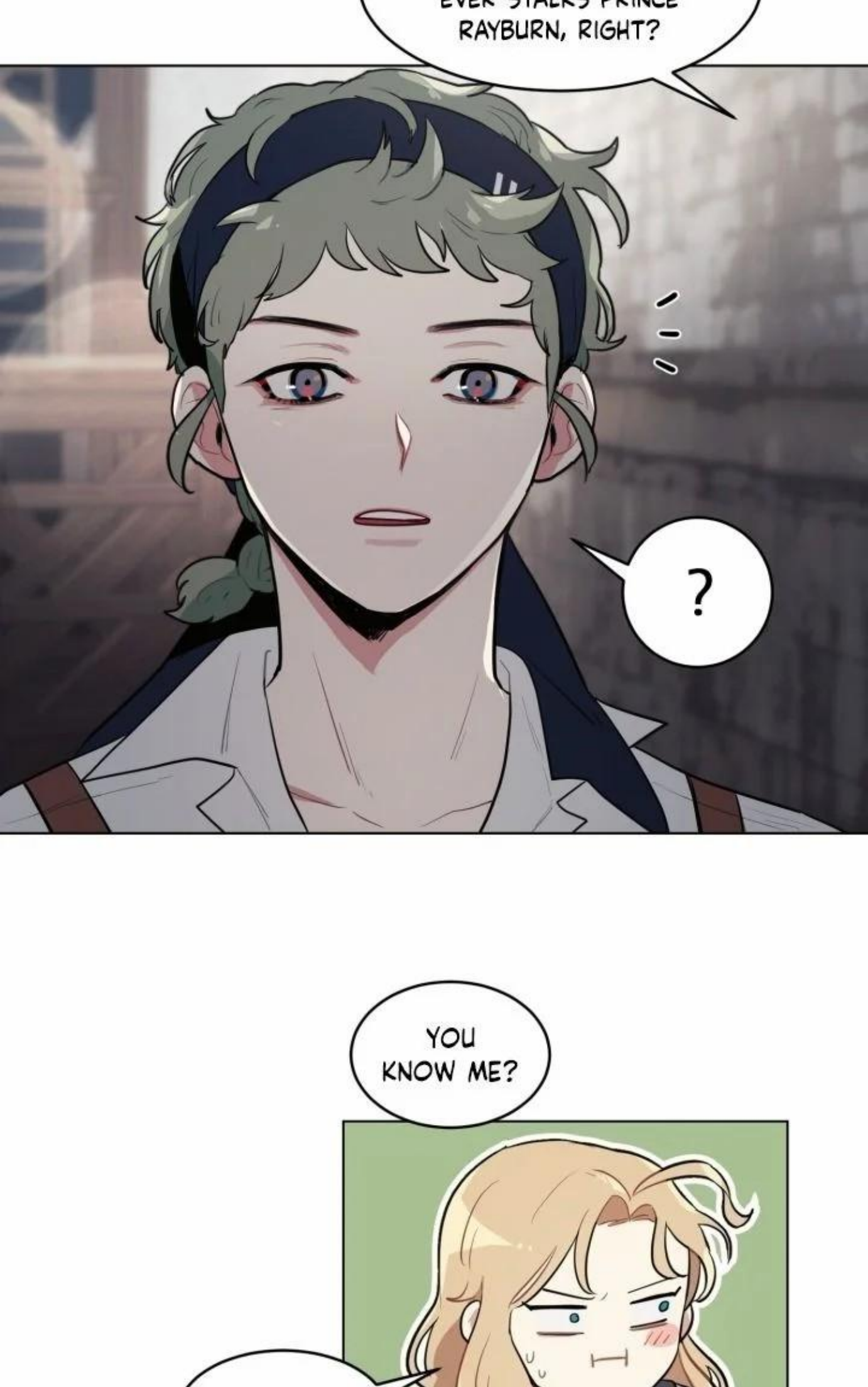








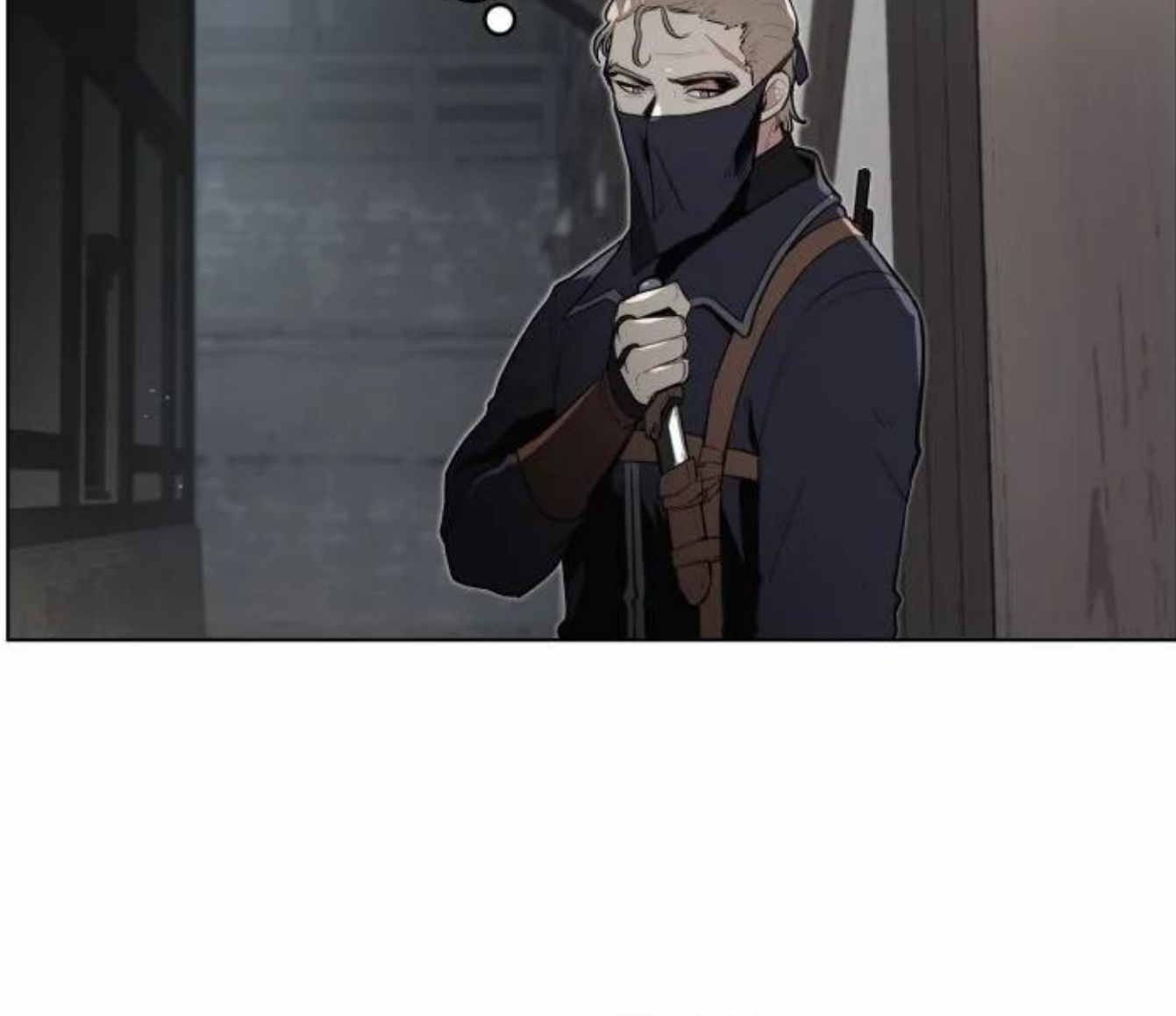






...THE PRINCE IS AWAY. NOW'S MY CHANCE.

BUT SHE'S ALWAYS WITH SOMEONE.

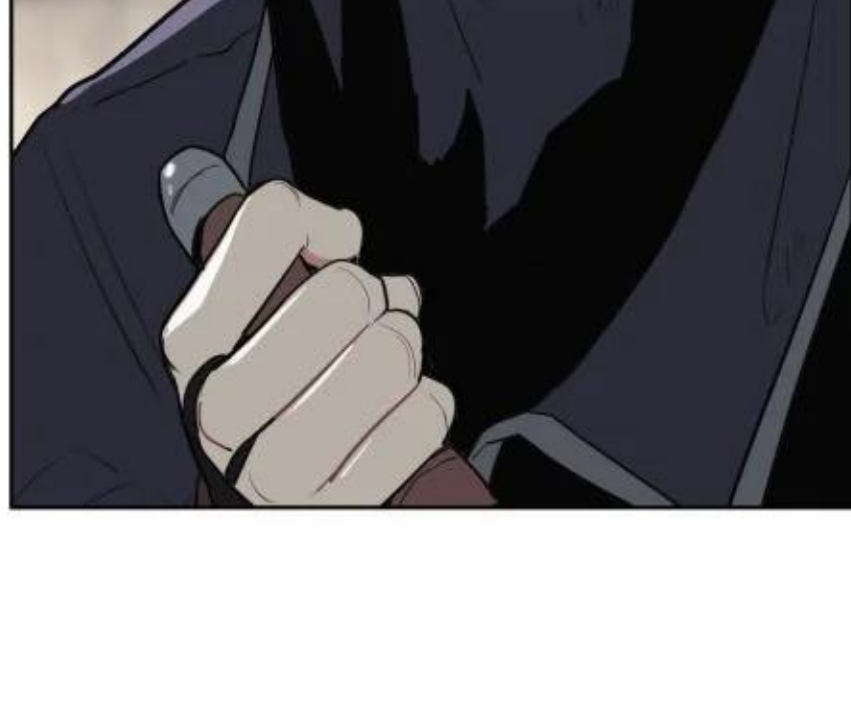


STEP

I SHOULD JUST GET RID OF HER ALONG WITH THE KID NEXT TO HER, BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE...



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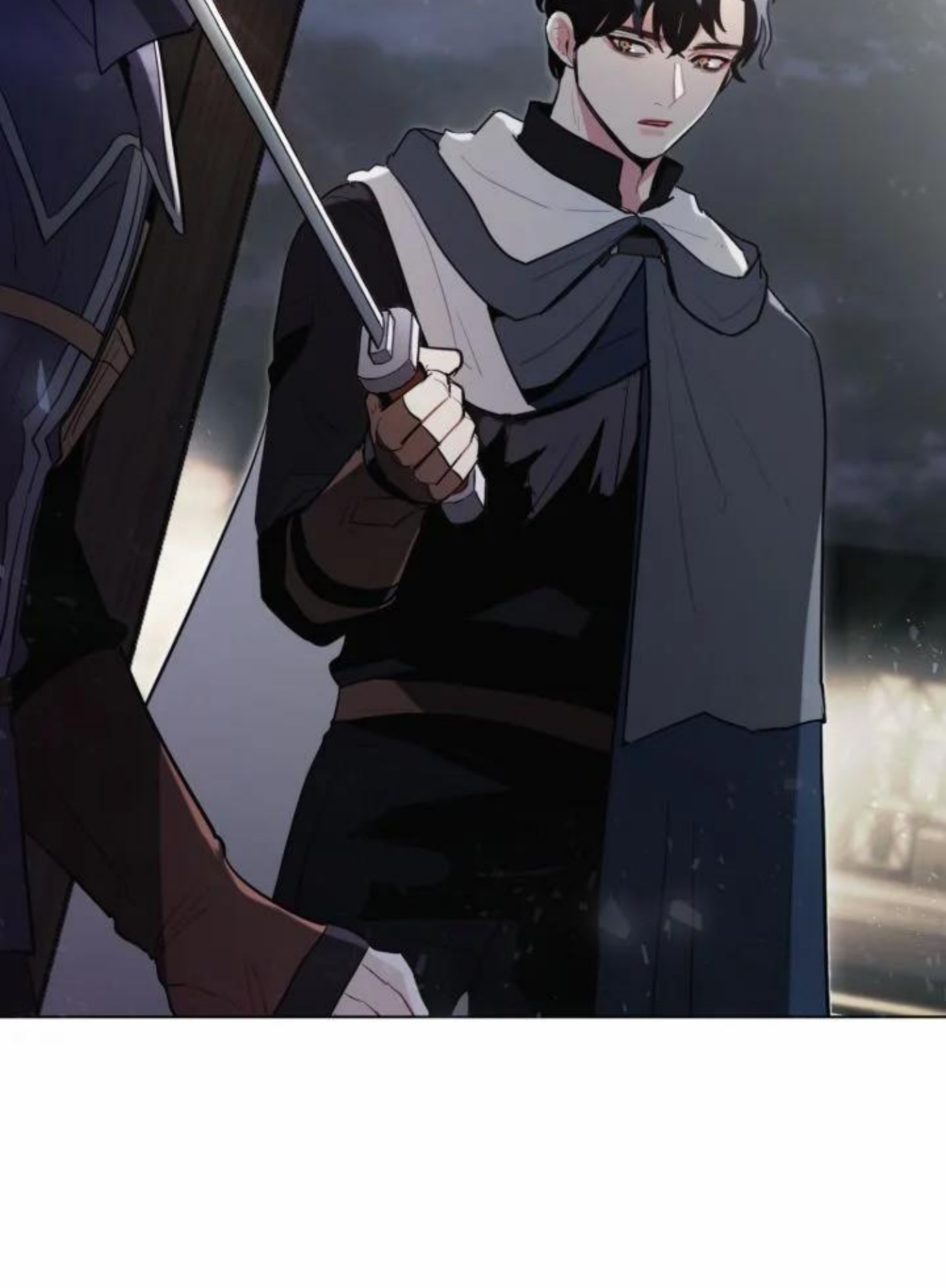


I HAD MY SUSPICIONS, BUT WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT HE'D ACTUALLY SEND AN ASSASSIN?

STEP



CHANCELLOR IS JUST AS SIMPLE-MINDED AS EVER, HUH?



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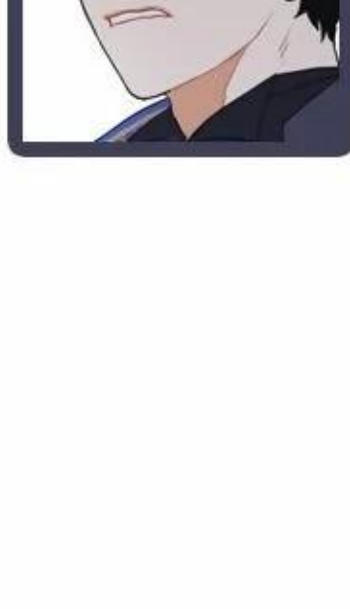
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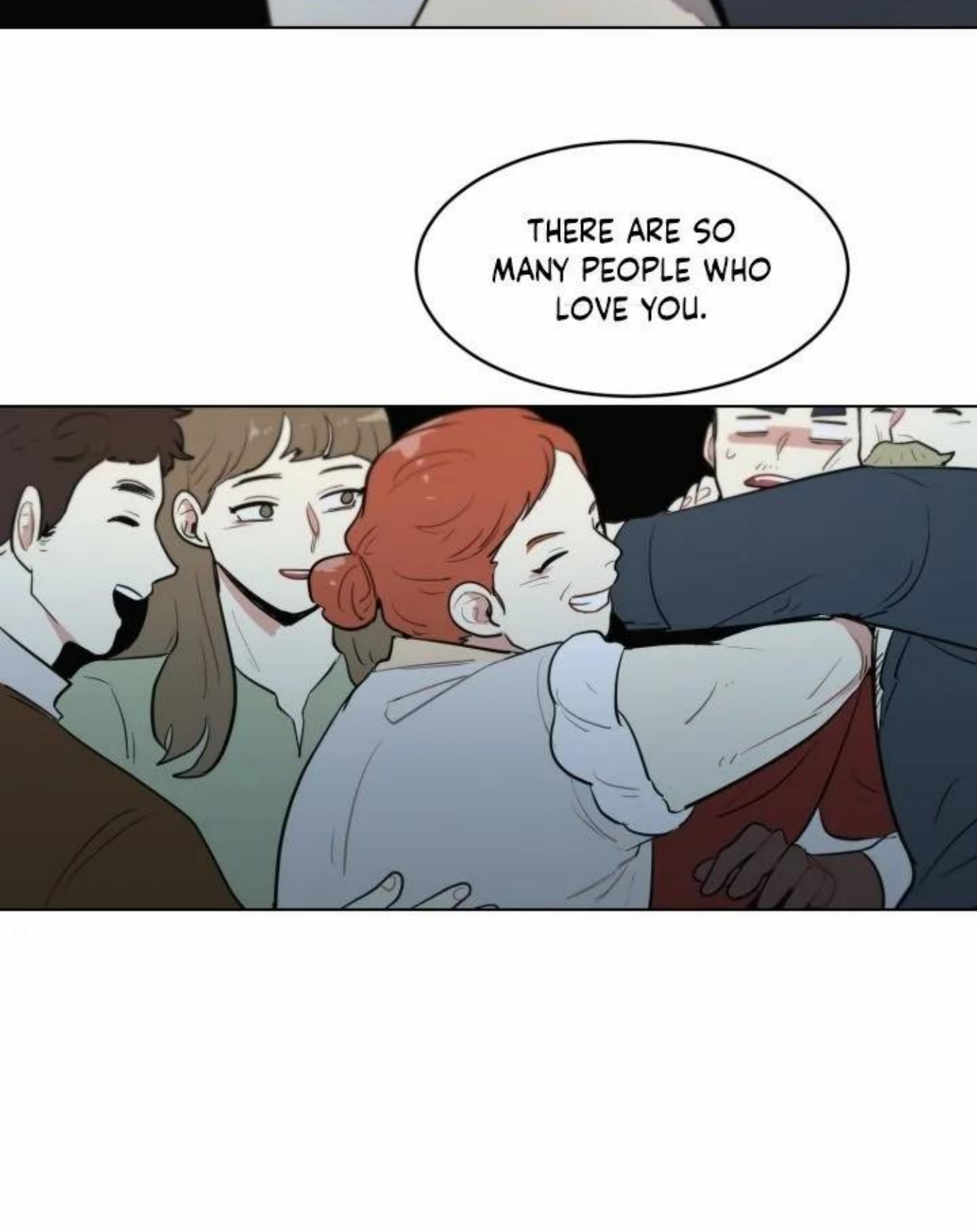
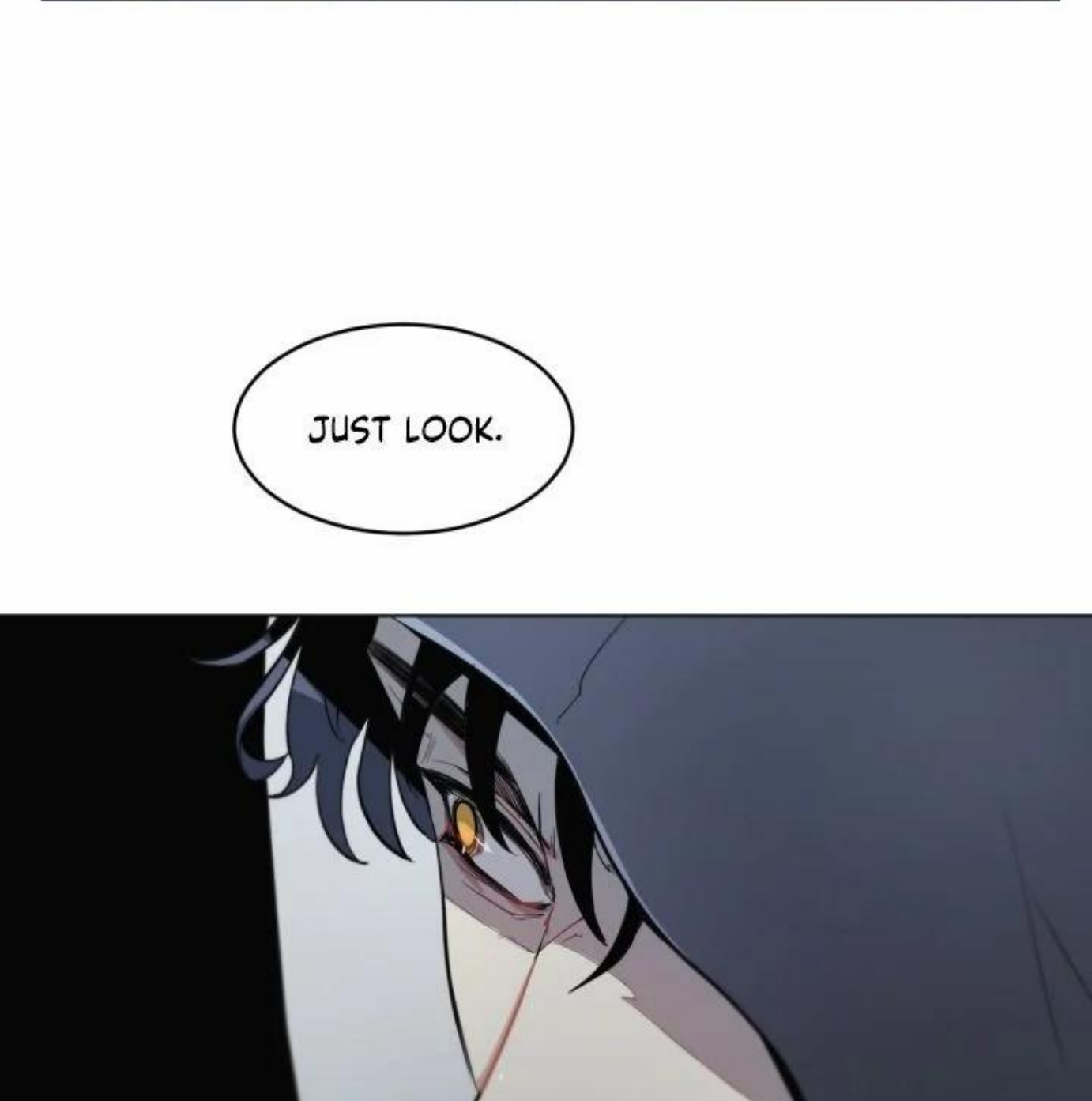
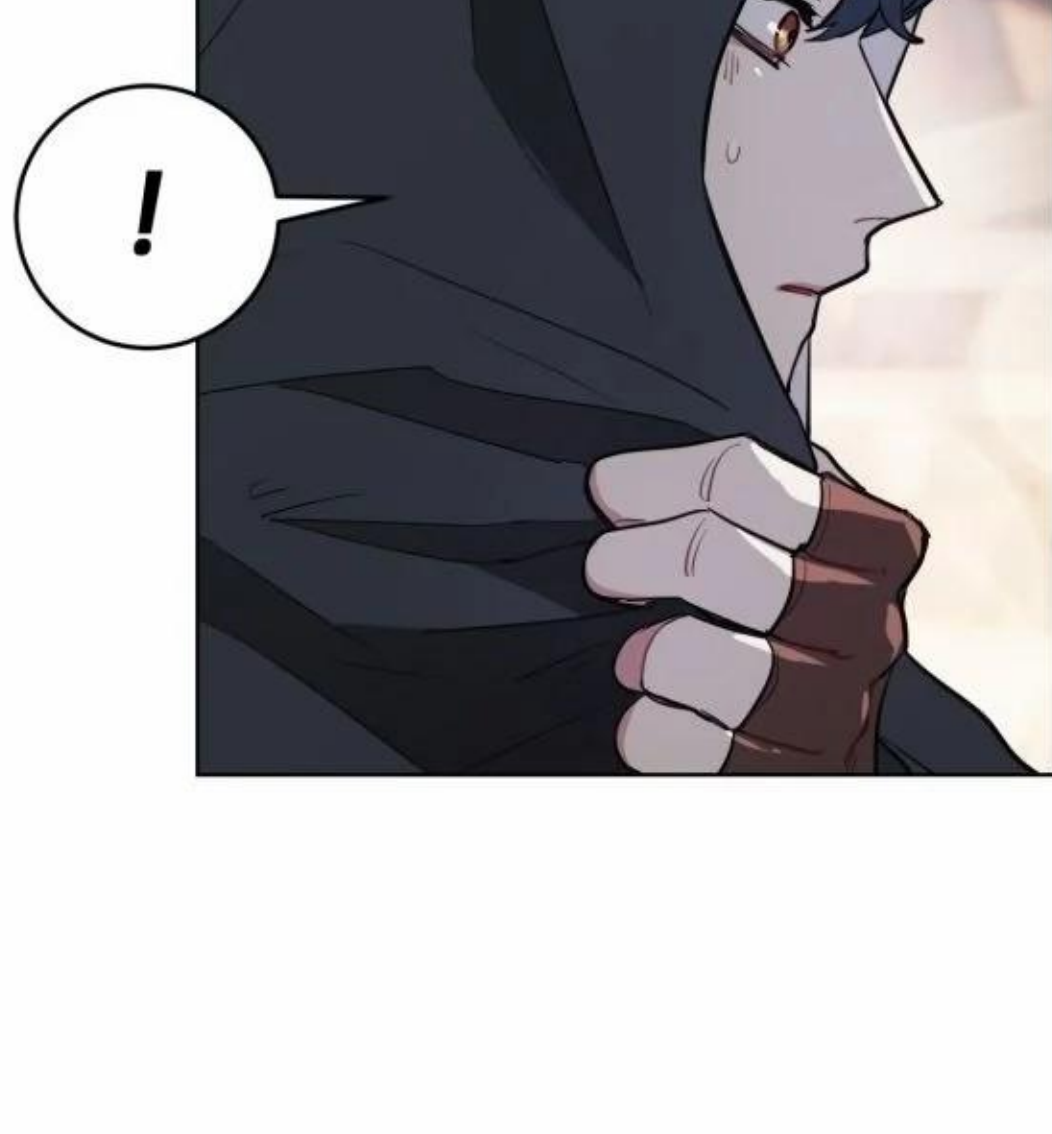
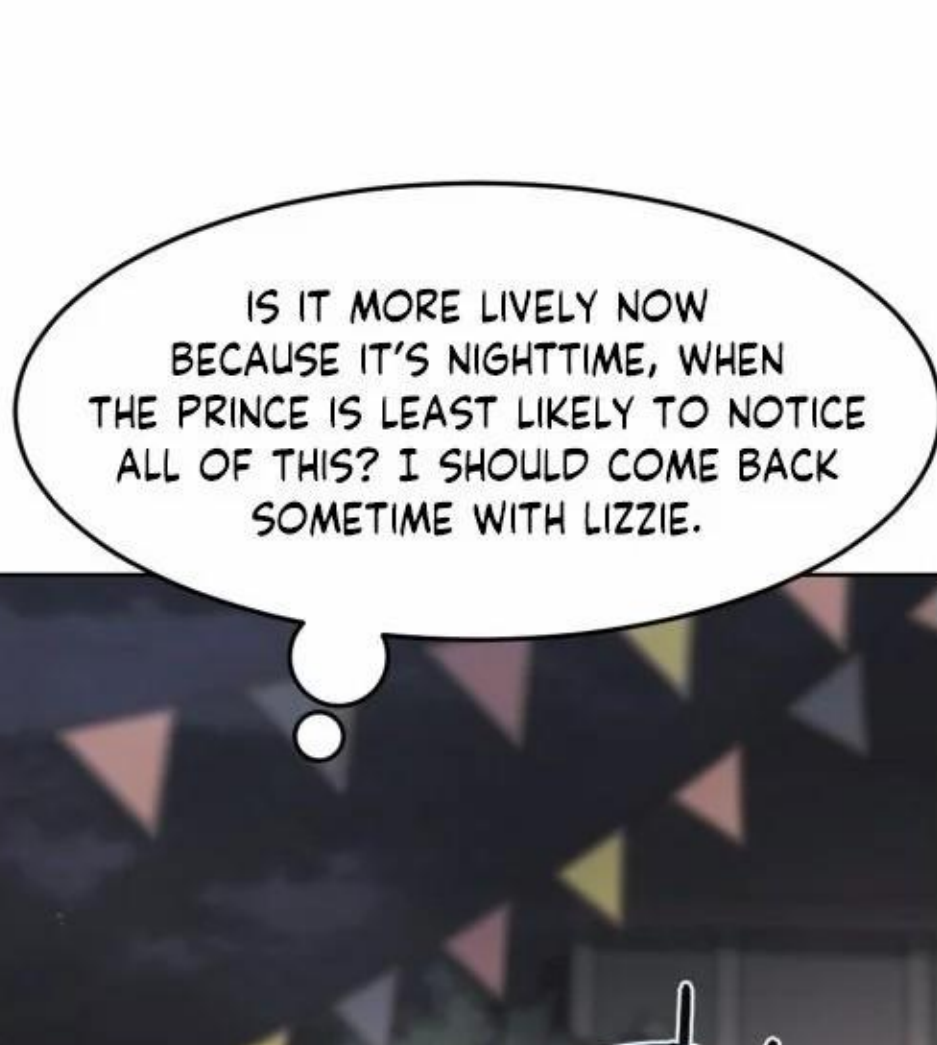
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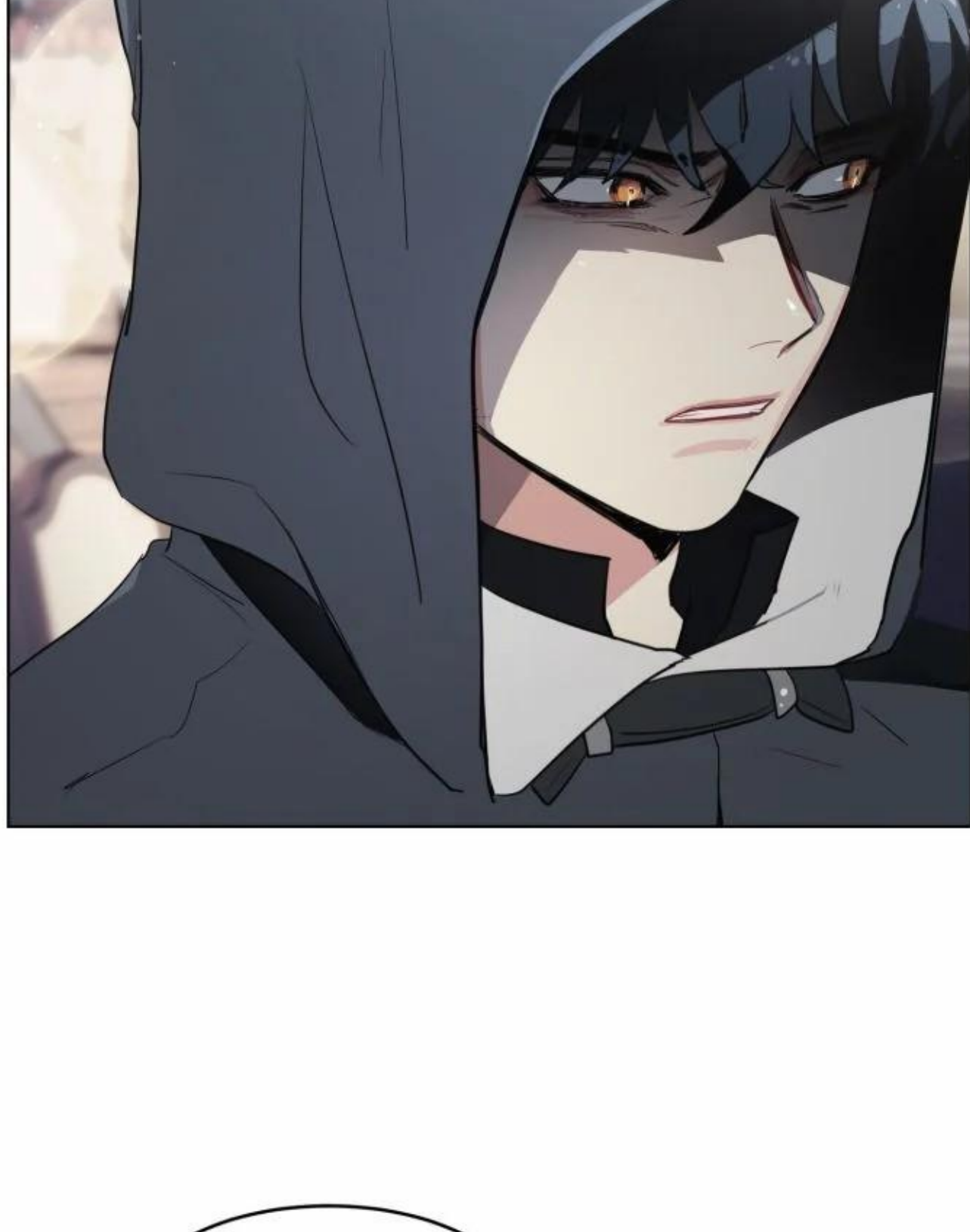
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... WHAT AN EYESORE.

MUTTER



LET'S GO SOME PLACE QUIETER.

...?



IT WAS DEFINITELY A LOT QUIETER WHEN I CAME HERE LAST TIME WITH LIZZIE.

NOISY

NOISY

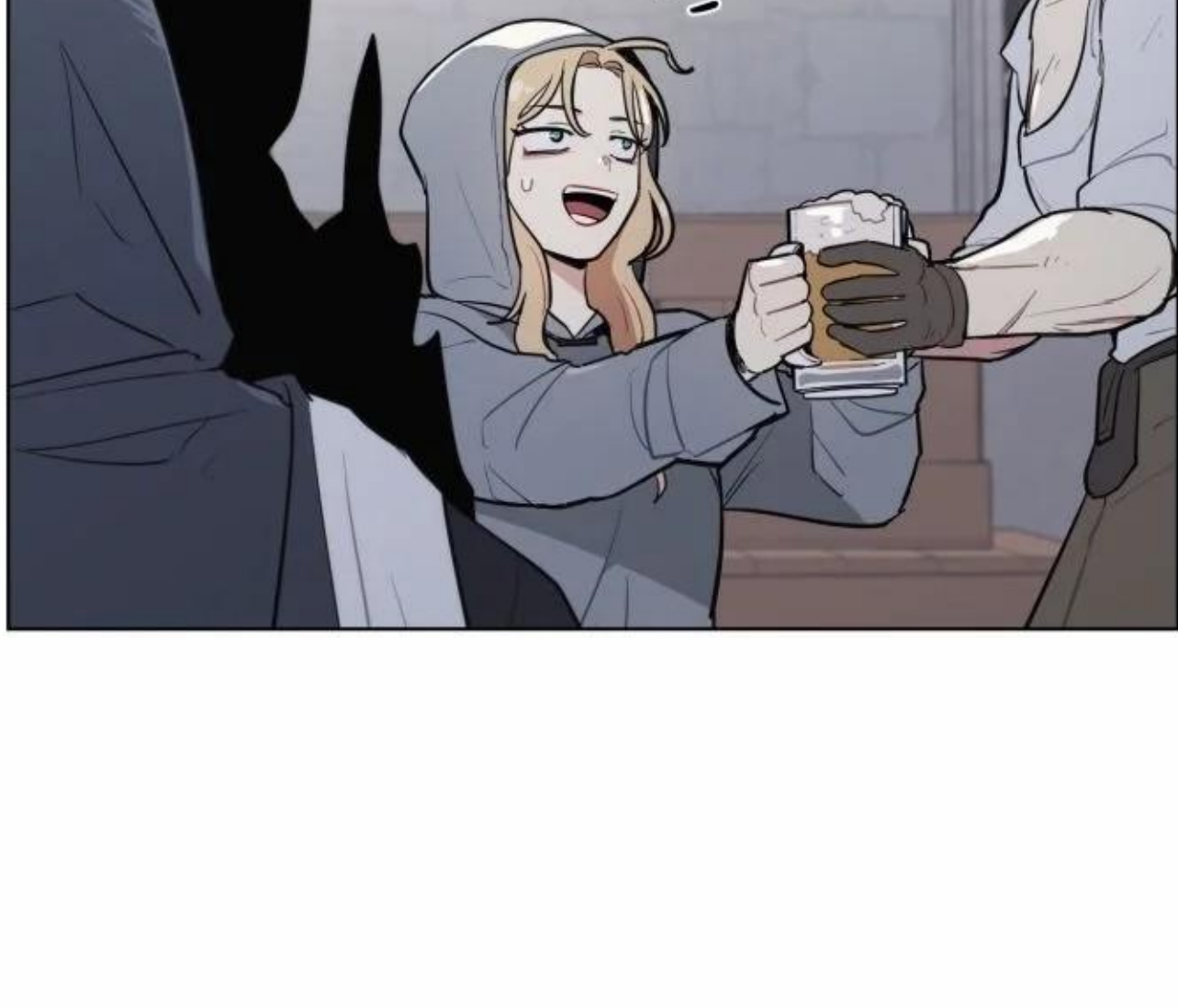
PRINCE OPPA'S FANMEETING



JUST CALL ME OVER IF YOU NEED ANYTHING.

(GLOOMY)

OH, SURE.



ARE YOU OKAY? I FEEL LIKE I ASKED YOU TO COME HERE ONLY FOR IT TO BE TOO CROWDED.



THEY MIGHT BE A BIT EXCESSIVE WITH HOW THEY EXPRESS THEIR LOVE,

BUT THEY'RE ALL DOING IT OUT OF ADORATION FOR YOU, SO DON'T THINK TOO BADLY OF THEM.



THOUGH, TO BE FAIR, I'D BE CREEPED OUT TOO IF A STRANGER STARTED IMITATING ME OUT IN THE STREETS.



UGH, IT'S SO LOUD.

?





WHY HOLD A FAN MEETING HERE? OUR TOWN'S TURNED INTO A SHITTY MESS LATELY.

EXACTLY! WE USED TO BE THE BIG GUNS HERE.



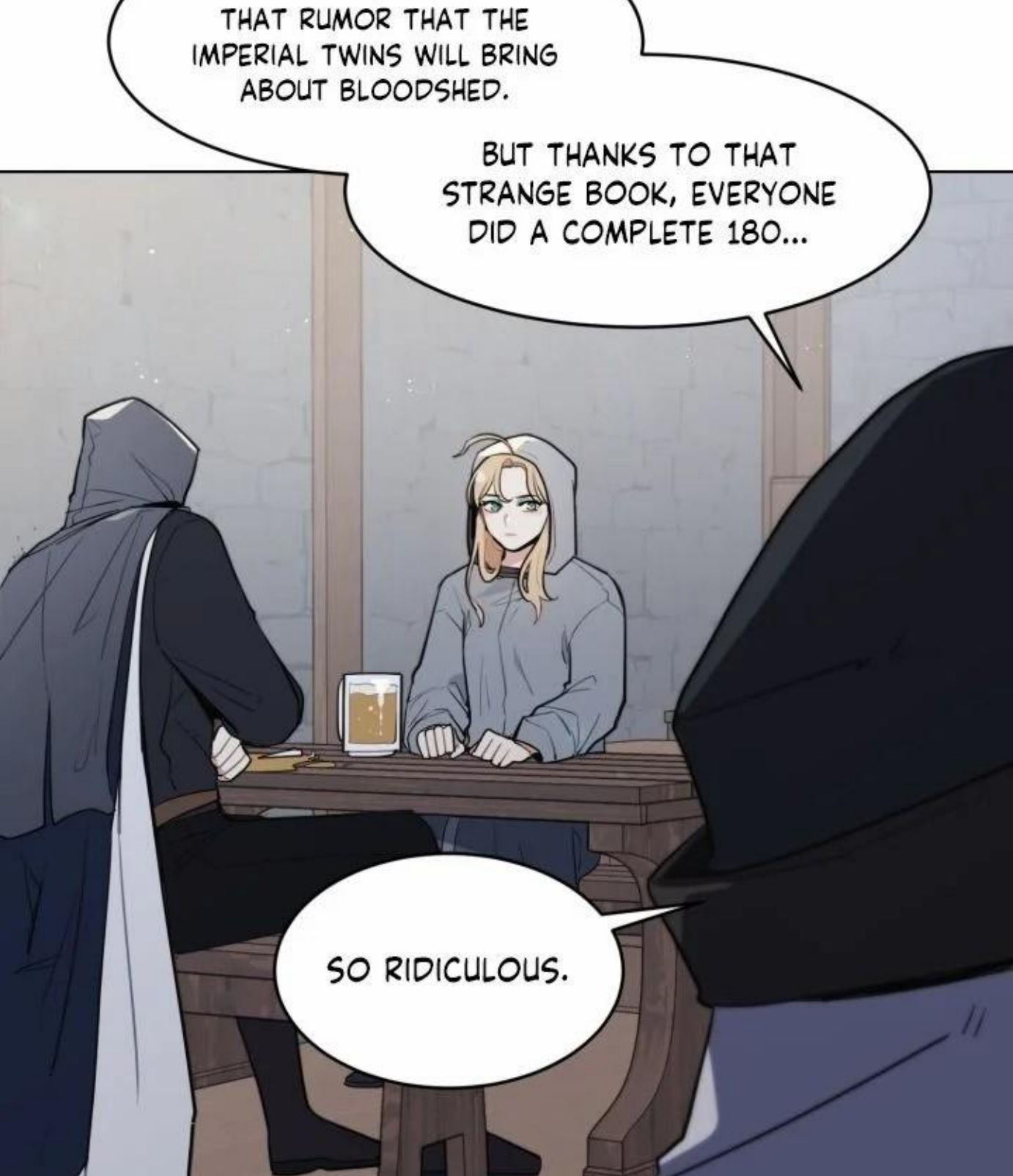
ALL BECAUSE OF THAT DAMNED HUNK OF PAPER, TOO.

I DON'T GET WHY THEY'RE FANGIRLING OVER SUCH A SLICK PHONY.



HMPH. I GUESS EVERYONE'S FORGOTTEN ABOUT THE RUMORS OF THE PRINCE'S CRUELTY.

THEY EVEN SAID HE BURIED HIS CAPTIVES ALIVE.



THERE'S ALSO THAT RUMOR THAT THE IMPERIAL TWINS WILL BRING ABOUT BLOODSHED.

BUT THANKS TO THAT STRANGE BOOK, EVERYONE DID A COMPLETE 180...

SO RIDICULOUS.



LET ME GO AND BEAT THEM UP REAL QUICK. THOSE BASTARDS...

THEY'RE RIGHT.

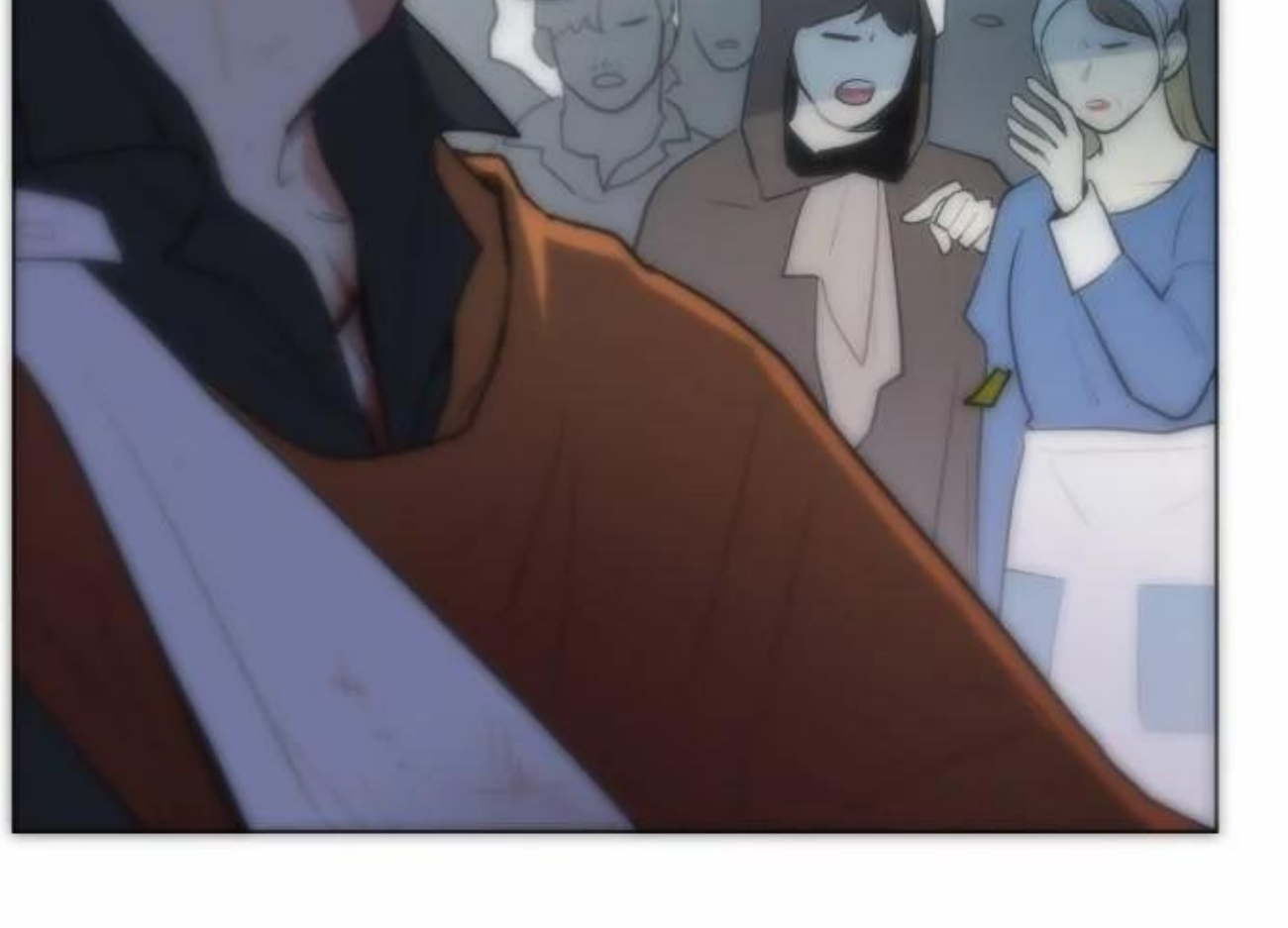
WHAT?



WHENEVER I WENT OUT TO WAR, EVERYONE WISHED I'D JUST DIE.

THEY WOULD ALL BE PARTICULARLY BITTER ON DAYS I'D RETURN WITH INJURIES,

WISHING, "IF ONLY HIS WOUNDS HAD BEEN A LITTLE DEEPER."





NOW THOSE SAME PEOPLE ARE CLINGING TO ME WITH ADORATION.

I CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO THINK OF THEM IN A GOOD LIGHT WHEN THEY'VE SWITCHED SIDES SO QUICKLY.

.....

BUT ALL THOSE RUMORS ABOUT YOU WERE GROUNDLESS ANYWAY!

YOU DIDN'T KILL THE EMPRESS.

IT MIGHT BE A TAD LATE, BUT AT LEAST THE RUMORS ARE GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION NOW!

WHAT IF THAT RUMOR IS TRUE?

...!

TECHNICALLY SPEAKING, ALL THE NEW RUMORS GOING AROUND NOWADAYS ARE GROUNDLESS TOO.

IF ALL OF THOSE PAST RUMORS YOU DENY ARE TRUE, THEN WHAT WILL YOU DO?

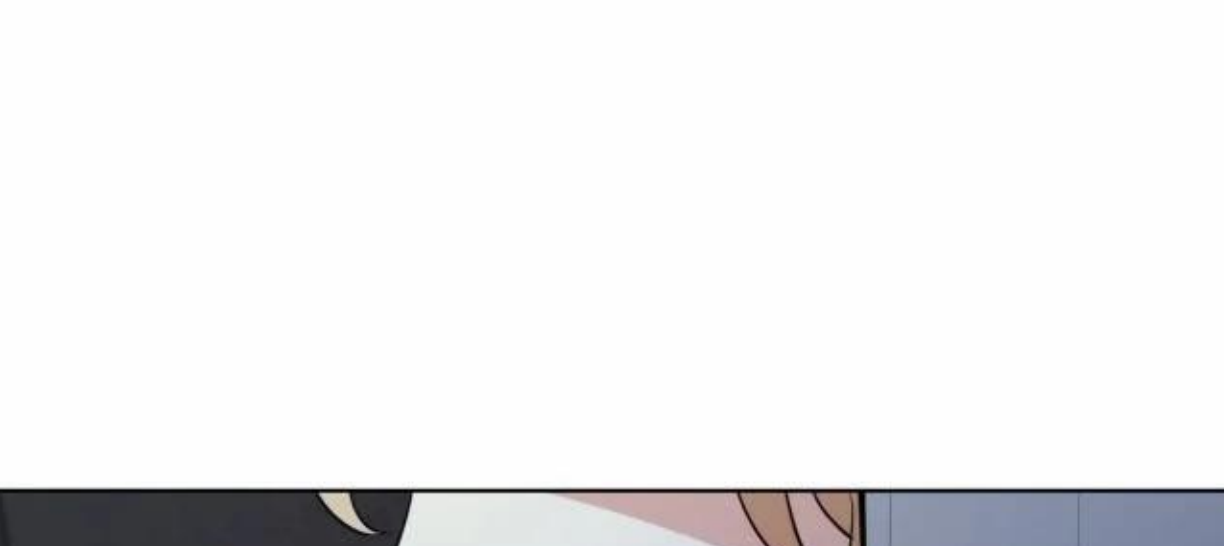
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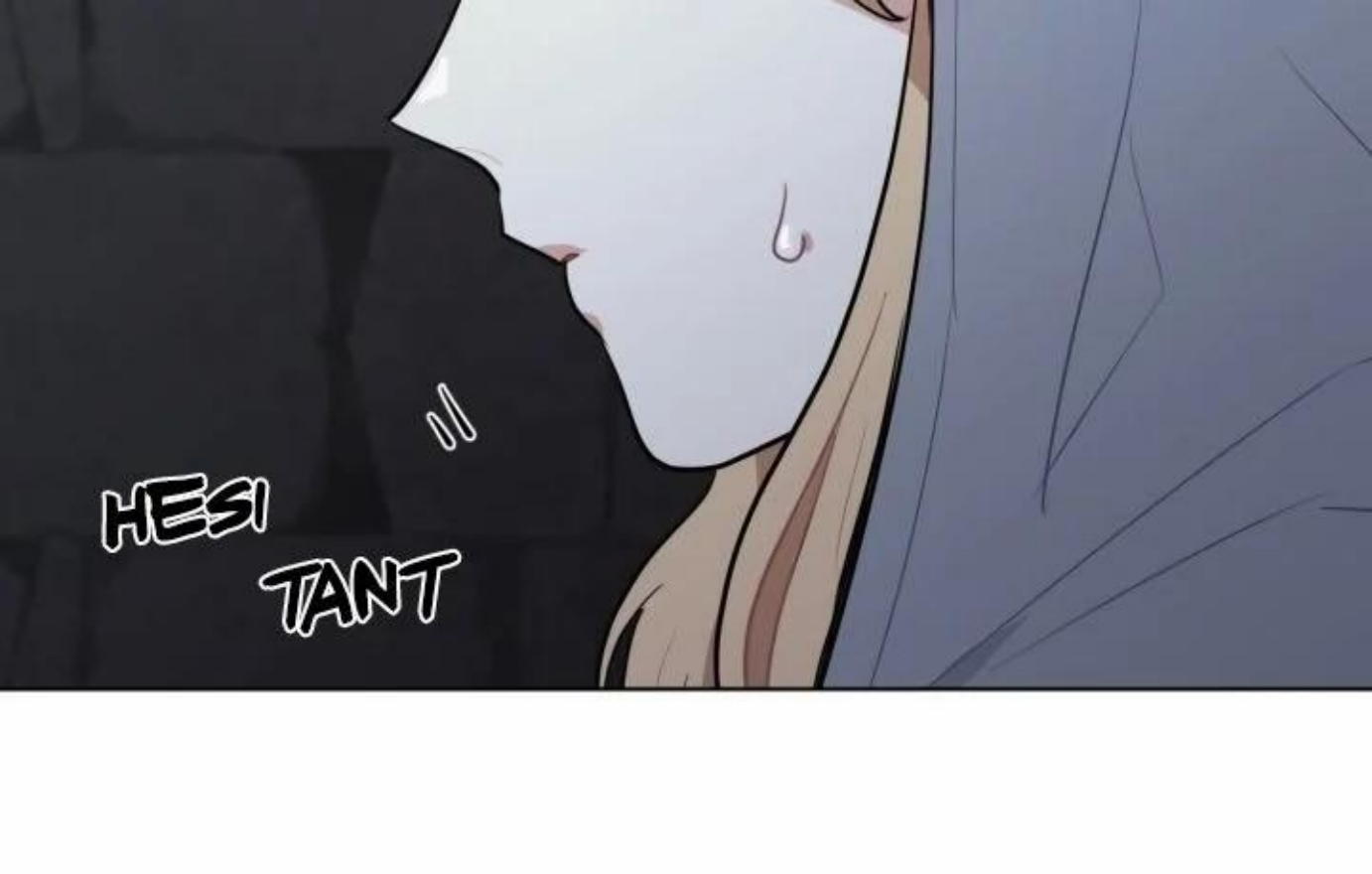
I'D FORGOTTEN

HOW SCARY THE PRINCE CAN BE AT TIMES.

BUT...





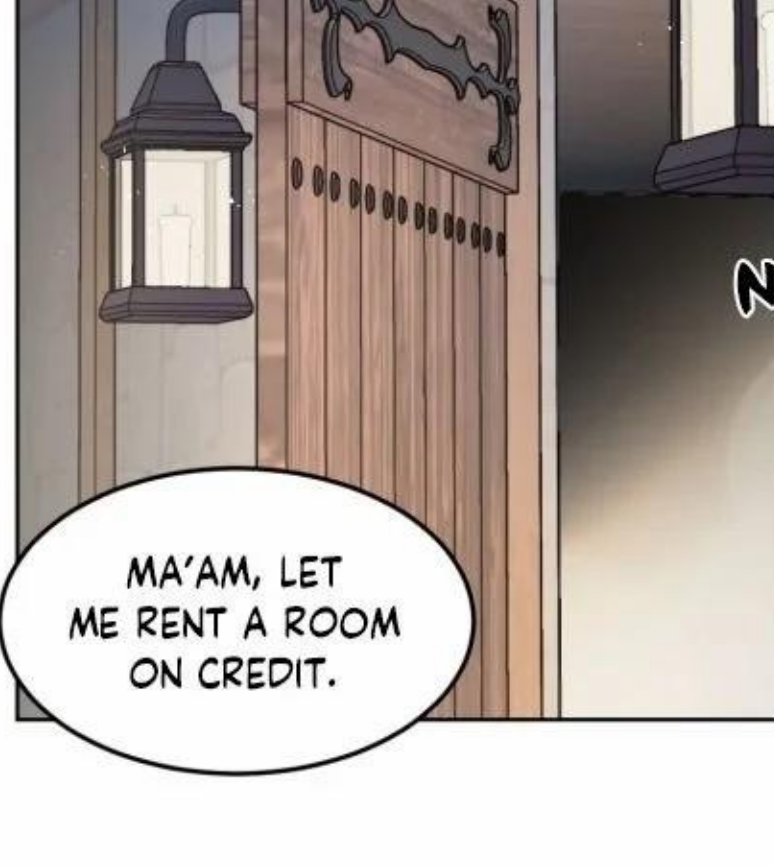
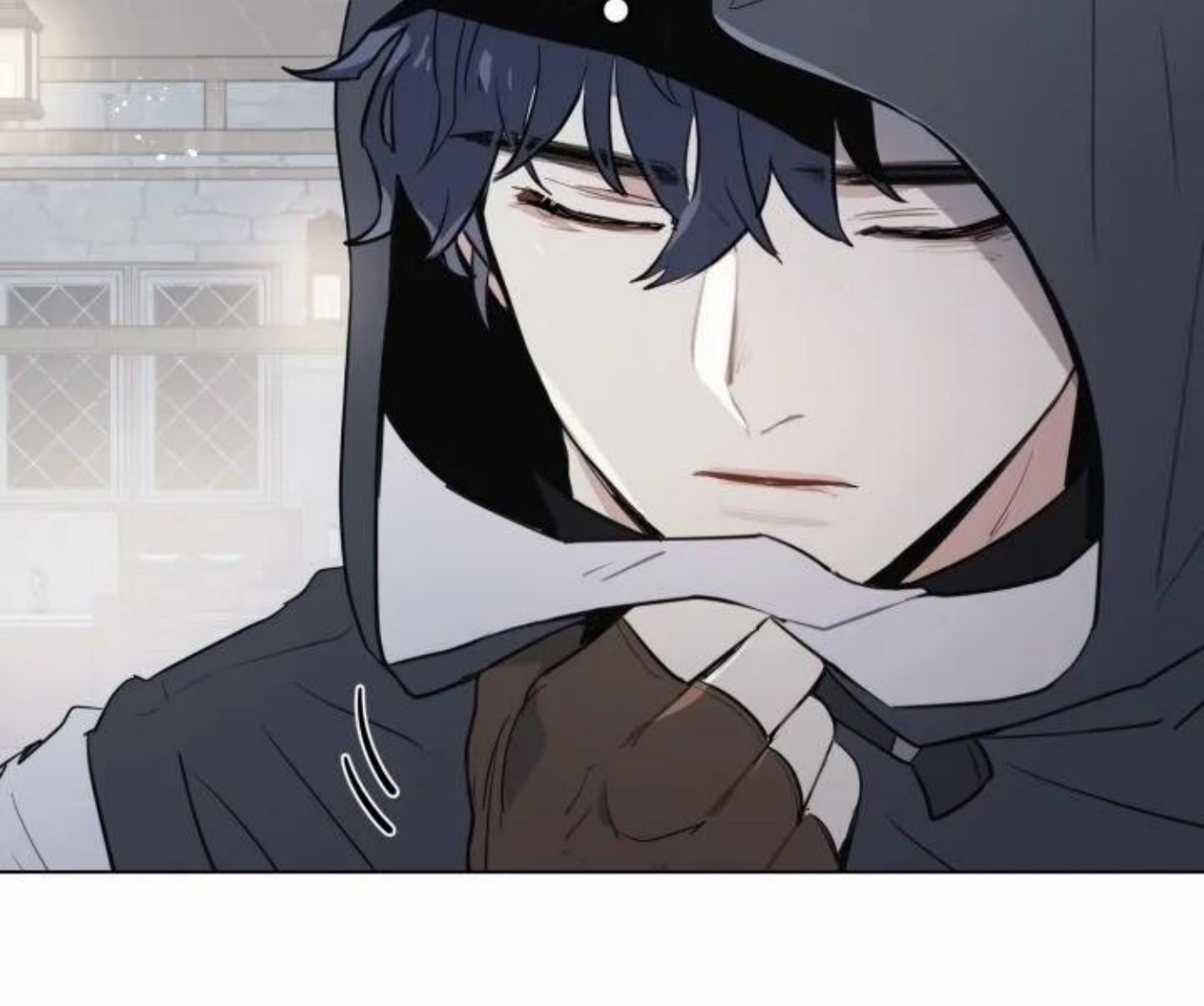


WHAT A JOKE.

SHE'S SHAKEN  
ALREADY WITH JUST A  
FEW WORDS. WHERE DID  
HER CONFIDENCE EVEN  
COME FROM...?



LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE  
NO DIFFERENT FROM  
THE OTHERS.



MA'AM, LET  
ME RENT A ROOM  
ON CREDIT.

CREDIT, MY ASS.  
PAY BACK YOUR DEBTS  
FIRST, BLEN.



I'M ALL OUT  
TODAY. I'LL PAY YOU  
BACK TOMORROW.



WHERE D'YOU THINK  
YOU'RE GOING? YOU'RE  
NOT GETTING A ROOM  
TODAY IF YOU DON'T  
PAY ME BACK!

GEEZ, I WAS  
ALREADY IN A SHITTY  
MOOD ANYWAY. JUST  
HOLD ON, THEN.

MISTERS, I'LL DRAW  
YOU A CARICATURE FOR  
SOME MONEY.



WHO'S THIS  
LITTLE KIDDO?  
SCRAM!

I'M NOT  
A KIDDO.

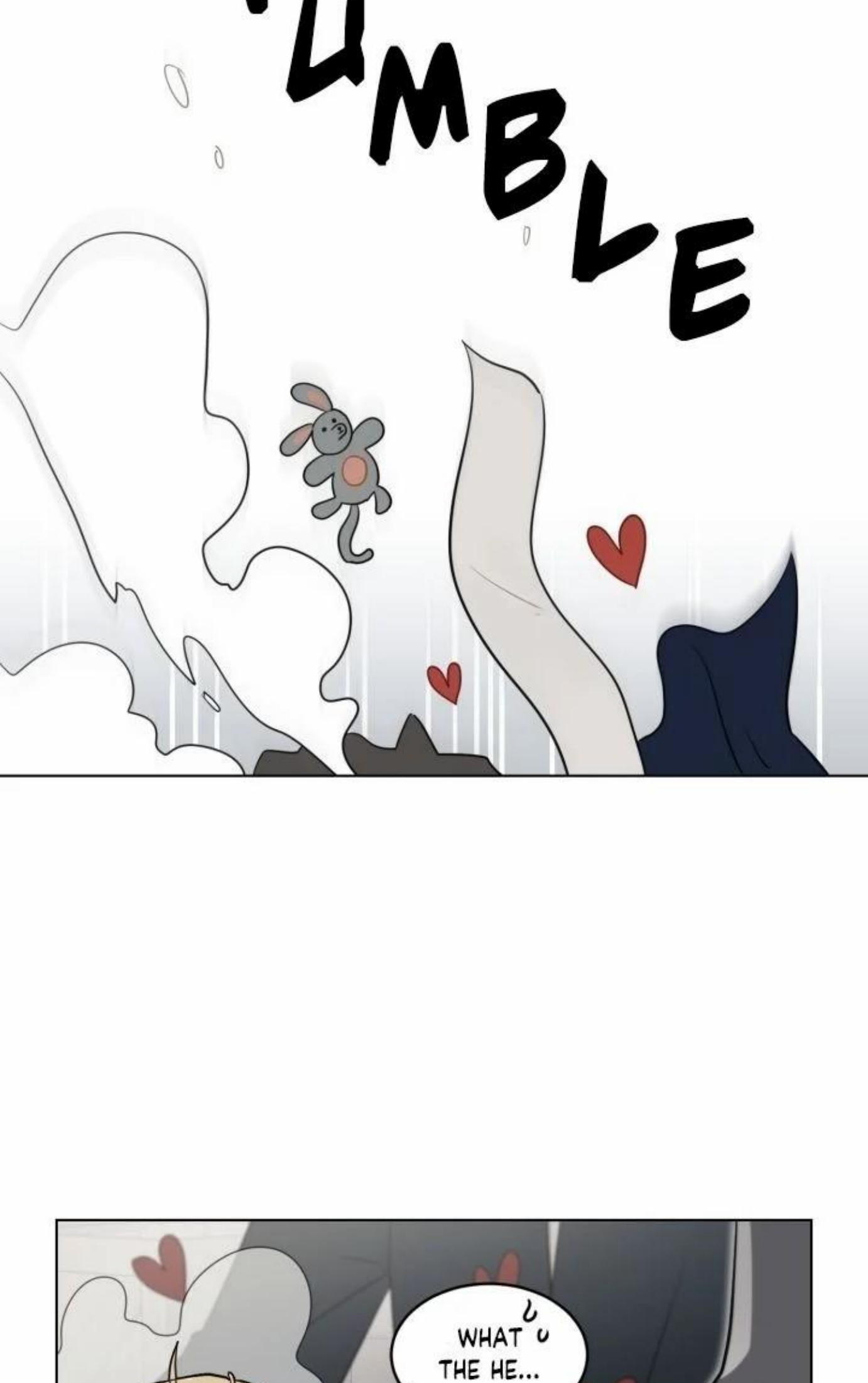
IT'S HIM.  
CHECK HIS FACE.



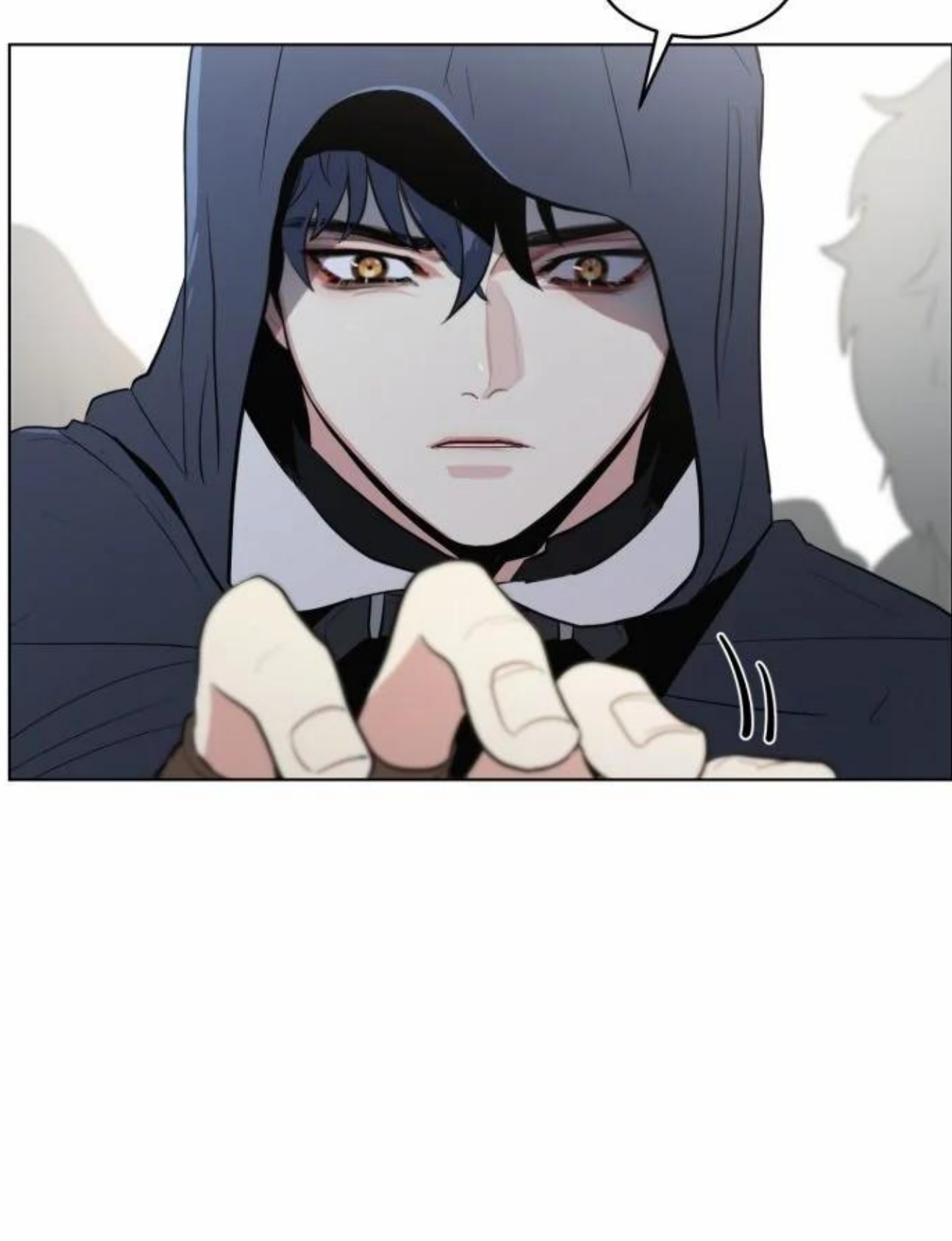
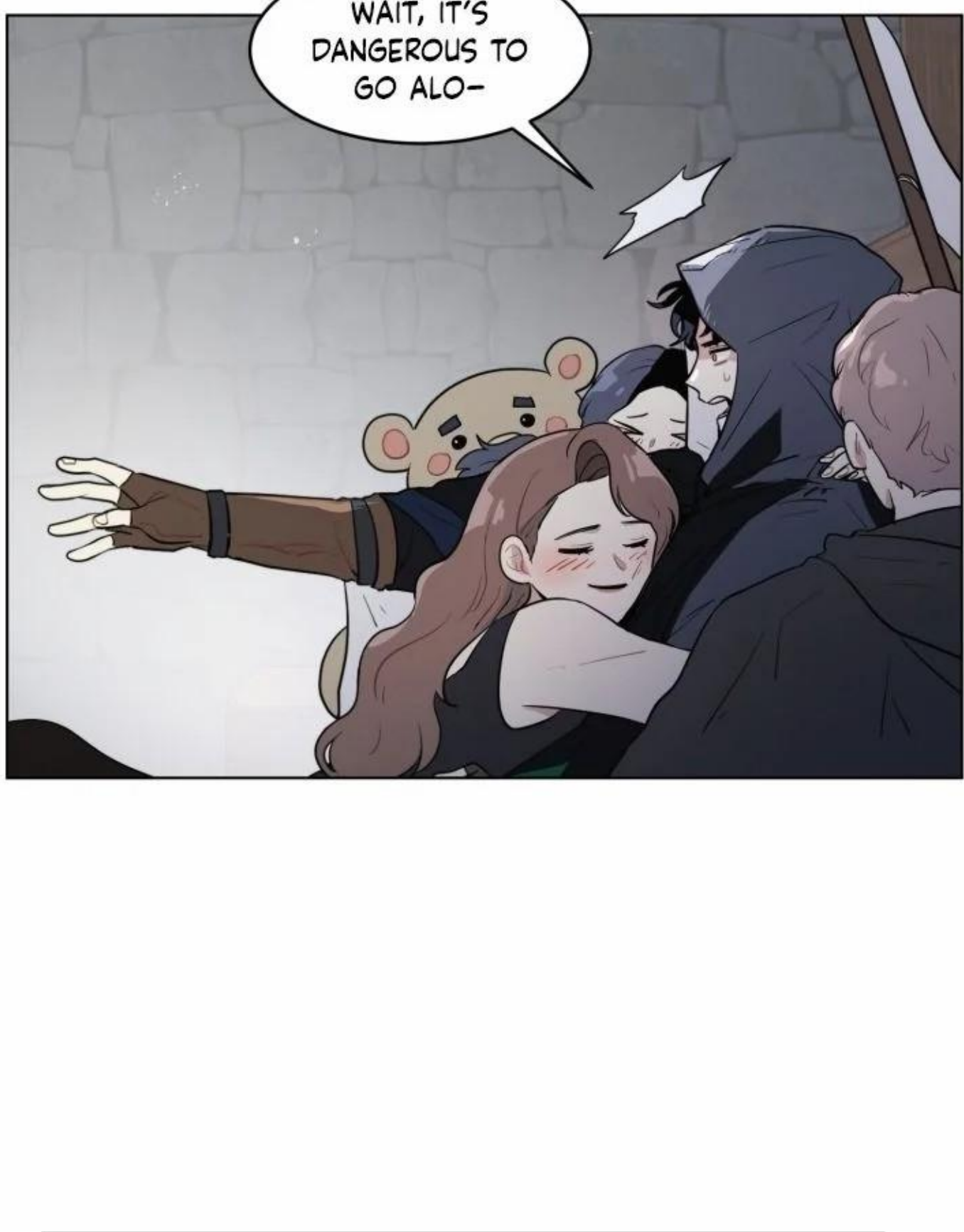




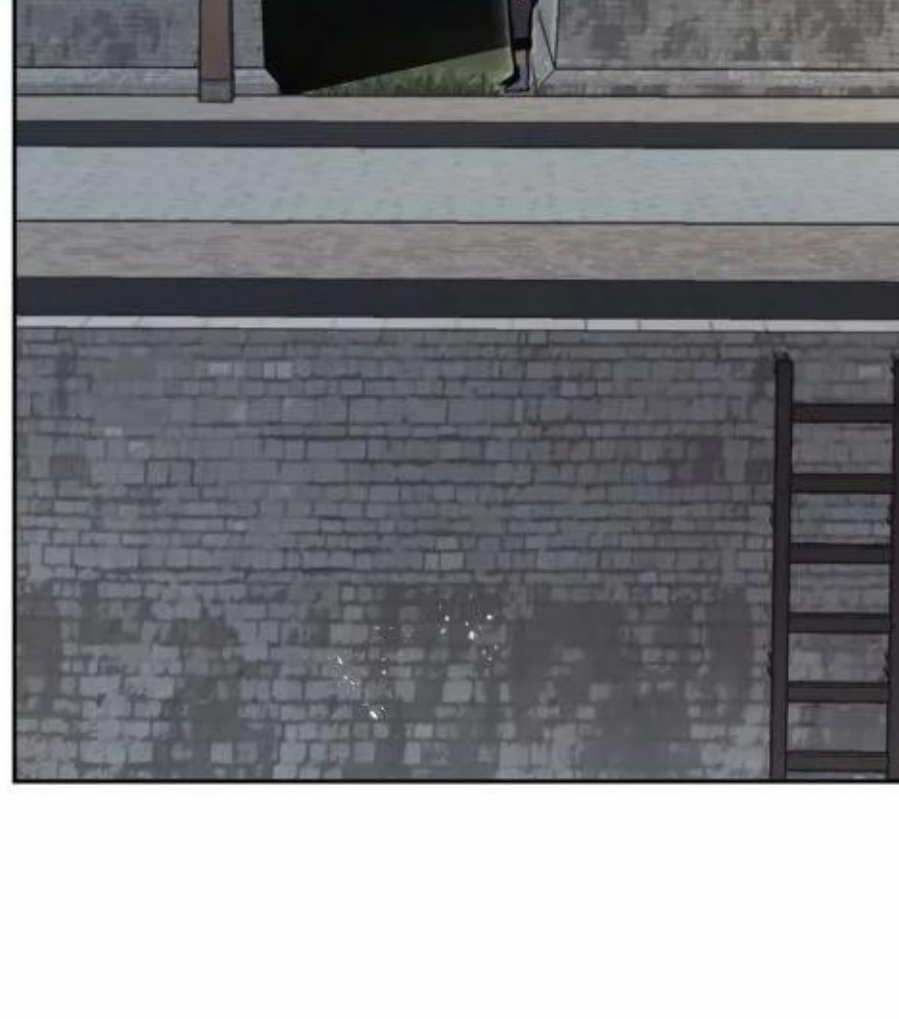
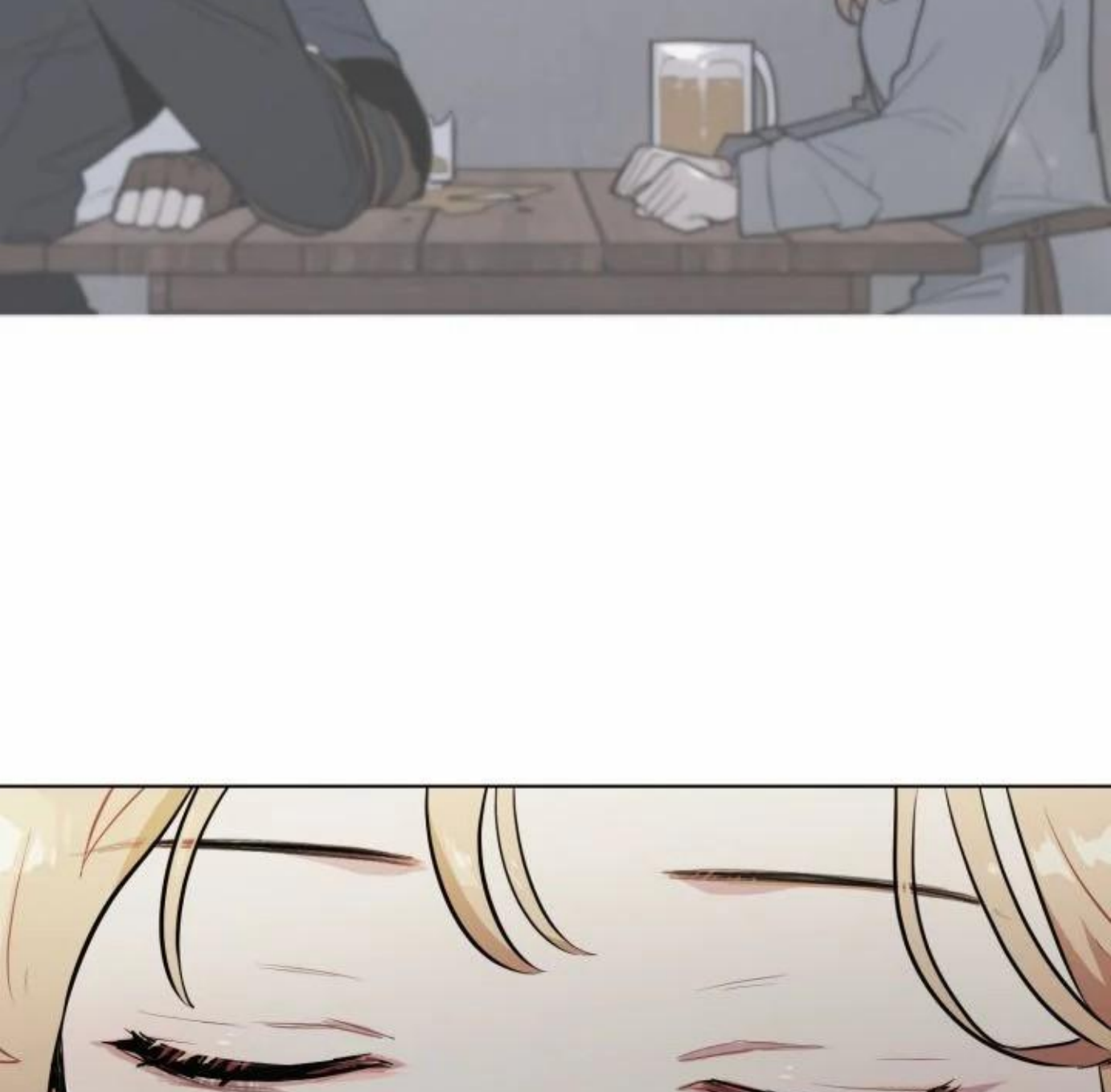
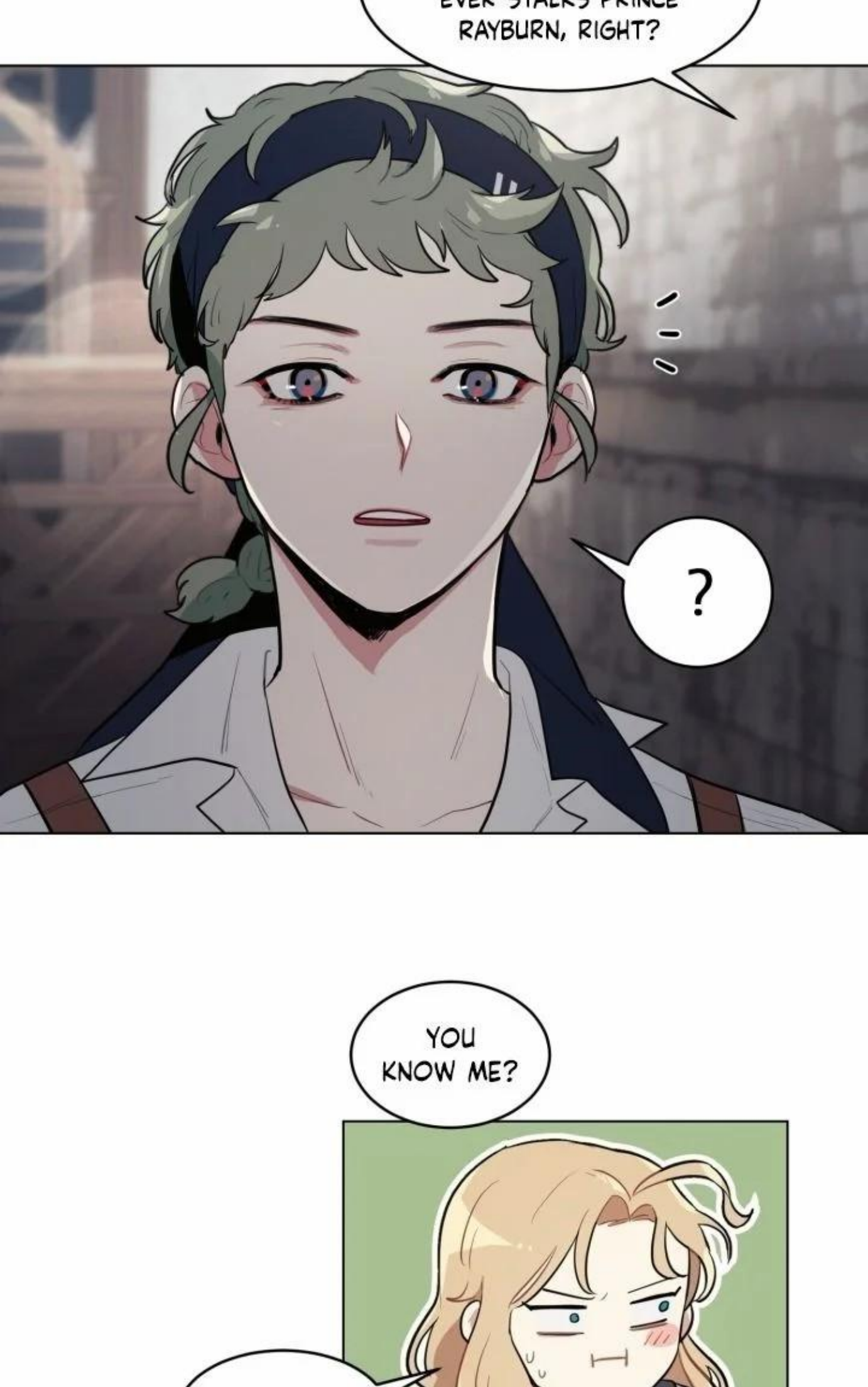














...THE PRINCE IS AWAY. NOW'S MY CHANCE.

BUT SHE'S ALWAYS WITH SOMEONE.

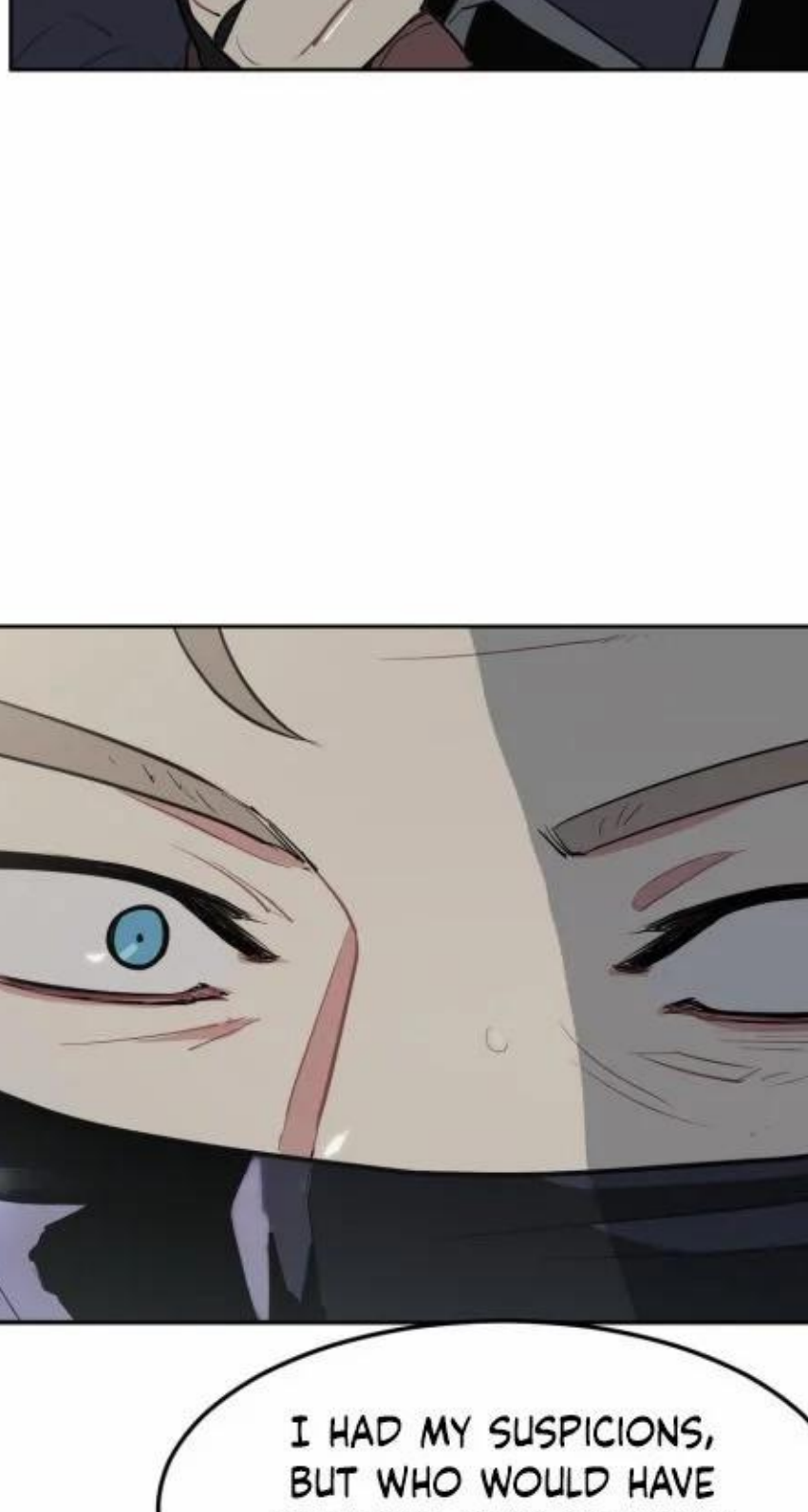


STEP

I SHOULD JUST GET RID OF HER ALONG WITH THE KID NEXT TO HER, BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE...



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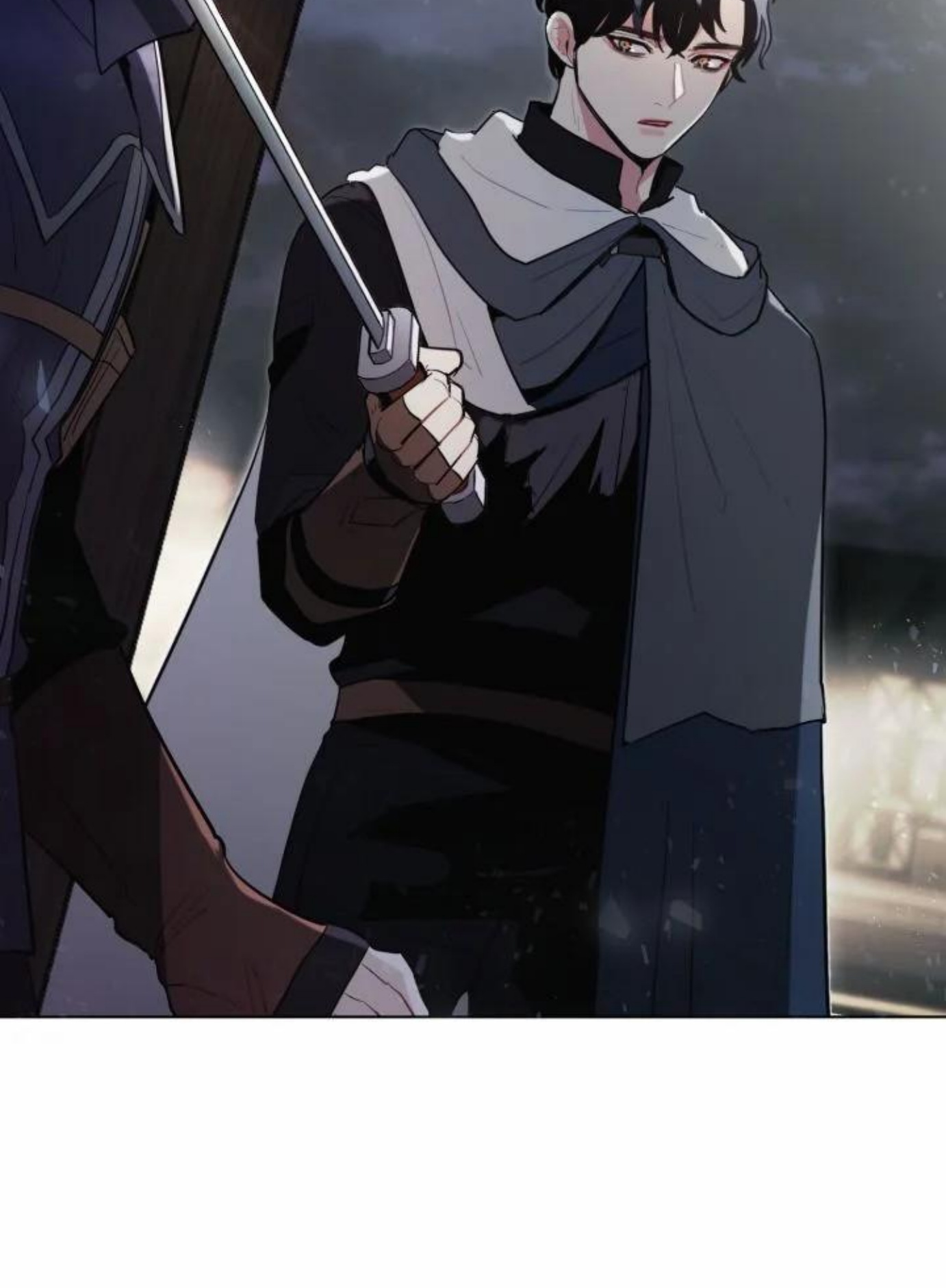


I HAD MY SUSPICIONS, BUT WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT HE'D ACTUALLY SEND AN ASSASSIN?

STEP



CHANCELLOR IS JUST AS SIMPLE-MINDED AS EVER, HUH?



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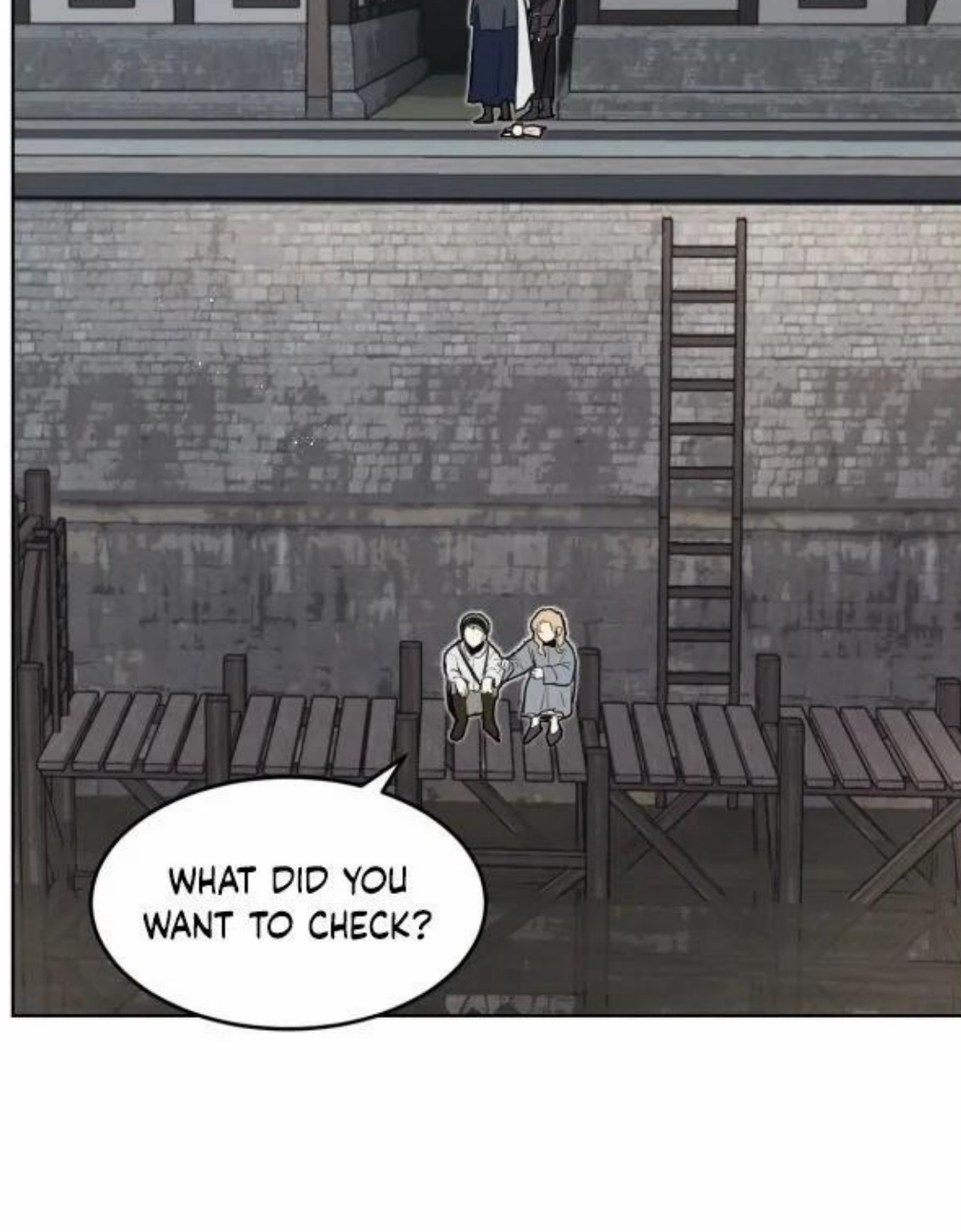
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I'M ONLY PROTECTING  
THE AUTHOR BECAUSE  
OF HOYA,

BUT SHE GETS ON  
MY NERVES, AND SHE'S  
NO DIFFERENT FROM ANYONE  
ELSE IN THE FIRST PLACE.

MAYBE I SHOULD'VE  
JUST PRETENDED I DIDN'T  
SEE HER AND LEFT  
HER ALONE...



WHAT DID YOU  
WANT TO CHECK?

THOSE DRAWINGS  
OF THE PRINCE YOU'VE  
SKETCHED UNTIL NOW.



HESITANT

WERE YOU REALLY  
LOOKING AT HIM IN  
PERSON WHEN YOU  
DREW THOSE?



YOU EVEN HAVE  
DRAWINGS OF HIM ON  
THE BATTLEFIELD.

DID YOU PERHAPS  
MAKE THOSE UP...



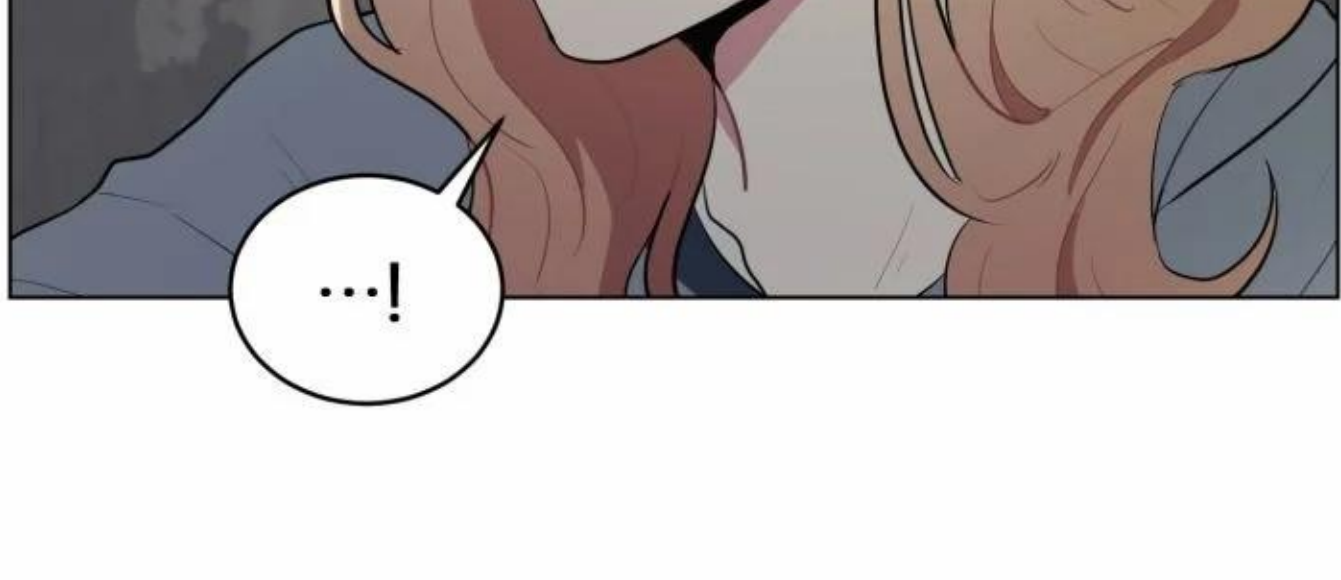
JUST WHAT KIND OF  
PERSON DO YOU TAKE  
ME FOR? YOU THINK  
I FORGED THOSE?

I'M A  
PAPARAZZI.

PROUD

NO MATTER HOW BADLY  
I NEED THE MONEY, I DON'T  
MAKE THINGS UP.

I ONLY SKETCH  
THINGS I SEE WITH MY  
OWN TWO EYES.



...!



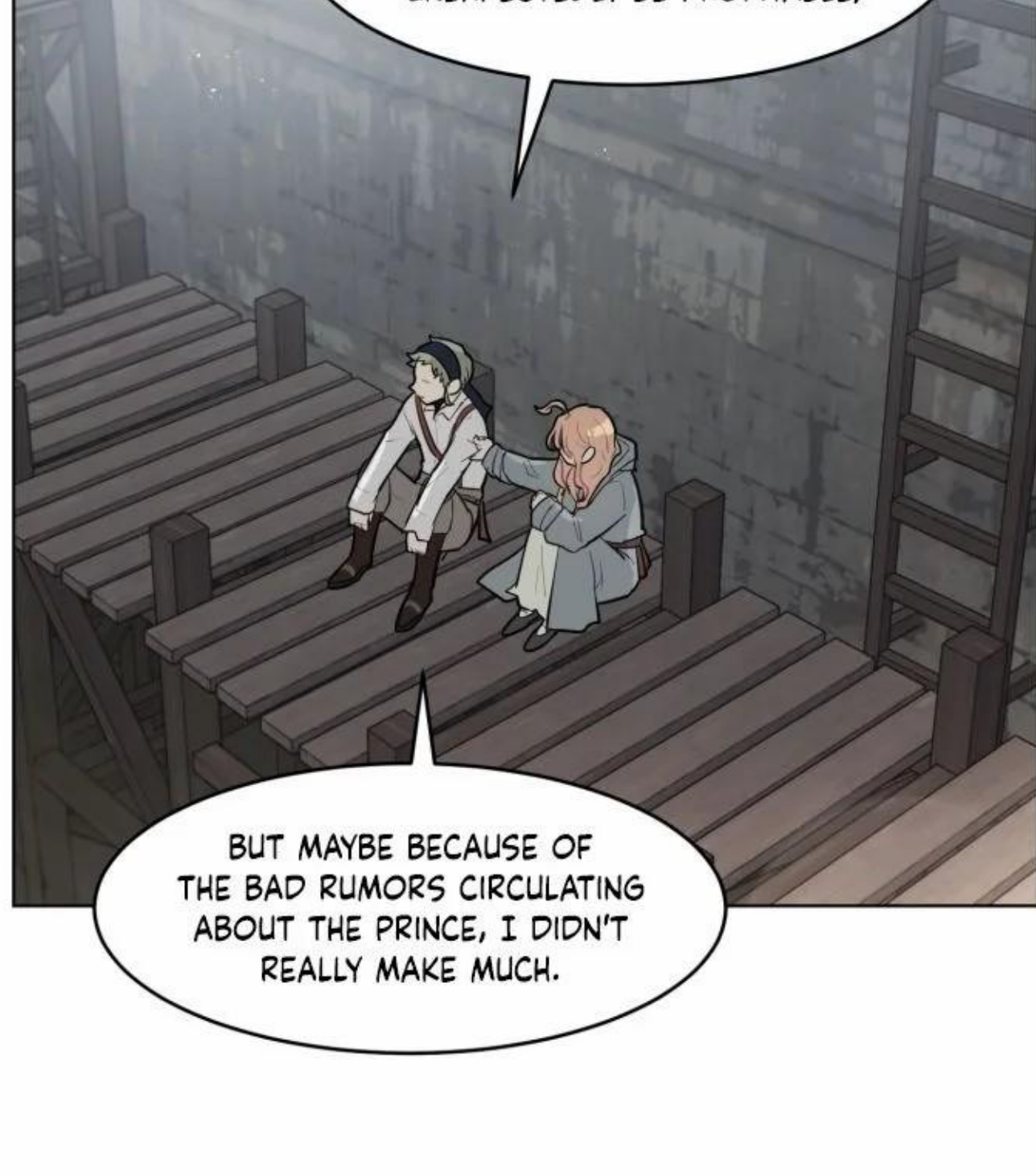
ALL OF THEM?



EVERY SINGLE ONE.



I ONLY STARTED AT FIRST BECAUSE I THOUGHT DOING A MINOR GENRE THAT OTHERS WEREN'T MIGHT UNEXPECTEDLY BE PROFITABLE,



BUT MAYBE BECAUSE OF THE BAD RUMORS CIRCULATING ABOUT THE PRINCE, I DIDN'T REALLY MAKE MUCH.

THAT'S WHY I WAS GOING TO STOP AND START FOLLOWING SOMEONE ELSE INSTEAD,



(CONTEMPLATING RUNNING AWAY)

BUT AS YOU CAN TELL FROM THE DRAWINGS, HE ENDED UP BEING REALLY INTERESTING TO DRAW.





? ARE YOU CRYING?

NO.



...I WAS SCARED I MIGHT HAVE TO STOP FANGIRLING.

SHIVER



I KEEP HEARING NIGHTMARISH RUMORS ABOUT HIM,

AND HE DOESN'T EVEN TRY TO DENY THEM.

IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE THOUGH.



IN MY MIND, THE PRINCE IS A GOOD PERSON.



I WISH PEOPLE WOULDN'T DWELL SO MUCH ON RUMORS,

BUT INSTEAD BELIEVE IN HIM, LIKE I DID AFTER SEEING YOUR DRAWINGS.



YOUR DRAWINGS COULD BE VERY USEFUL. WON'T YOU HELP US?

WELL, I'M THANKFUL YOU SAID THAT BUT TO THE PRINCE, PAPARAZZI ARE AN EYESORE.



...THE PRINCE CAME ACROSS HIS FANS EARLIER,

BUT HE AVOIDED THEM.



THE SIGHT OF WALKING PAST PEOPLE WHO LOOK UP TO HIM...



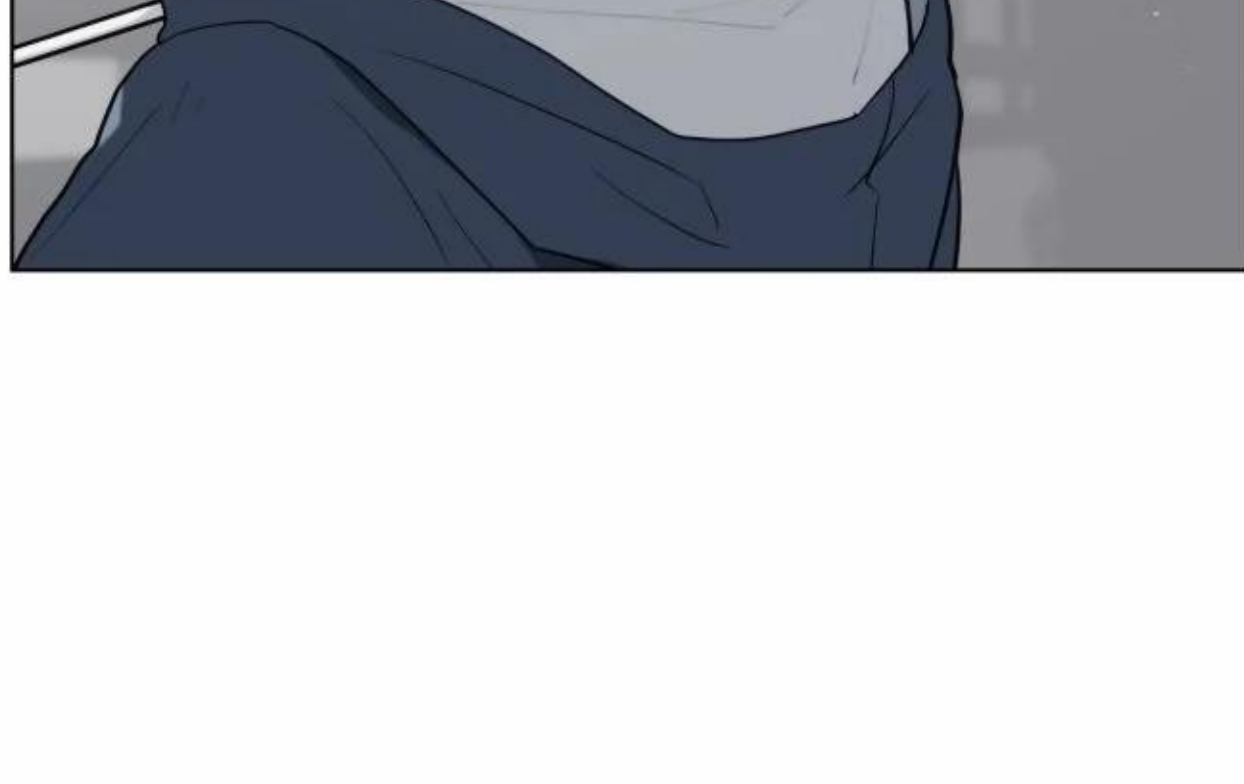
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PITIFUL??

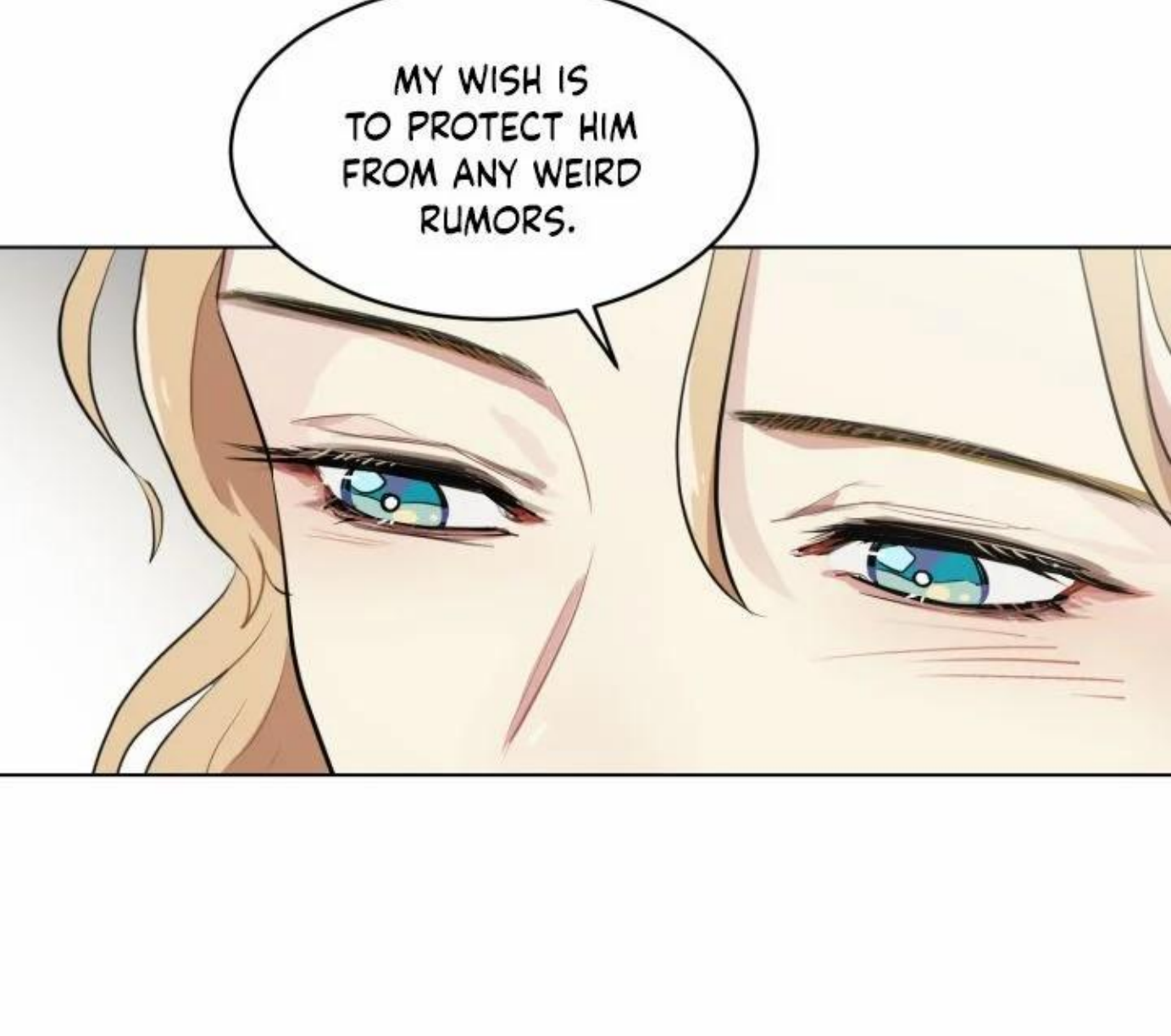


DUMBOUNDED

TO ME, IT FELT LIKE HE WAS AVOIDING PEOPLE BEFORE THEY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TURN THEIR BACKS ON HIM FROM ANOTHER FALSE SCANDAL.







MY WISH IS  
TO PROTECT HIM  
FROM ANY WEIRD  
RUMORS.



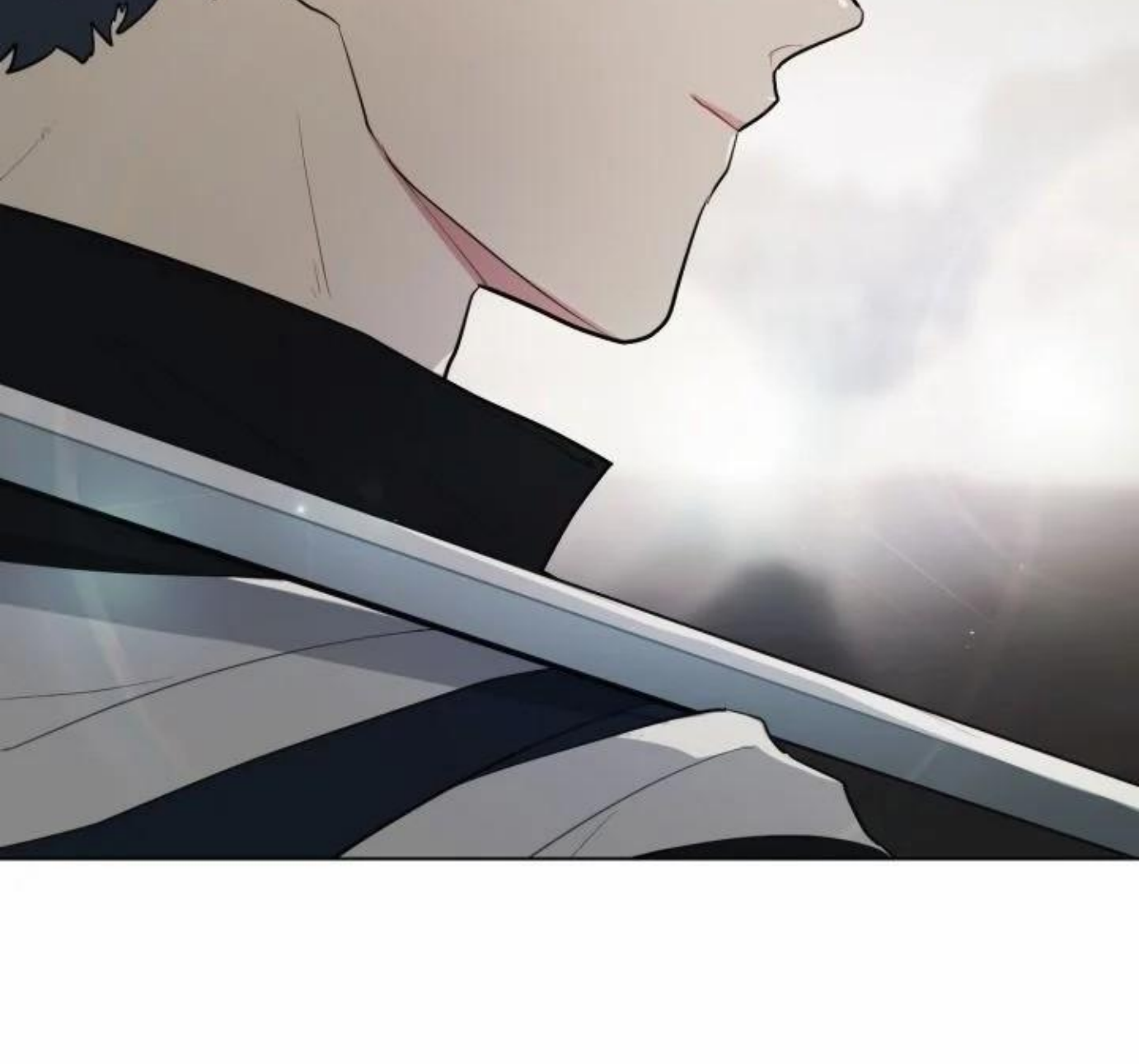
WHAT DO YOU THINK  
OF MY ASPIRATION?  
PLEASE HELP ME.

PROTECTIVE

NO IDEA. YOU'RE  
ON YOUR OWN.

MY GOD,  
WHERE'S YOUR SENSE  
OF LOYALTY...!

LOYALTY  
SCHMOYALTY, I  
JUST MET YOU  
TODAY.



...?

I HAVE NO IDEA  
WHAT'S GOING ON, BUT  
WHILE HE'S LOOKING AWAY,  
I SHOULD MAKE A...

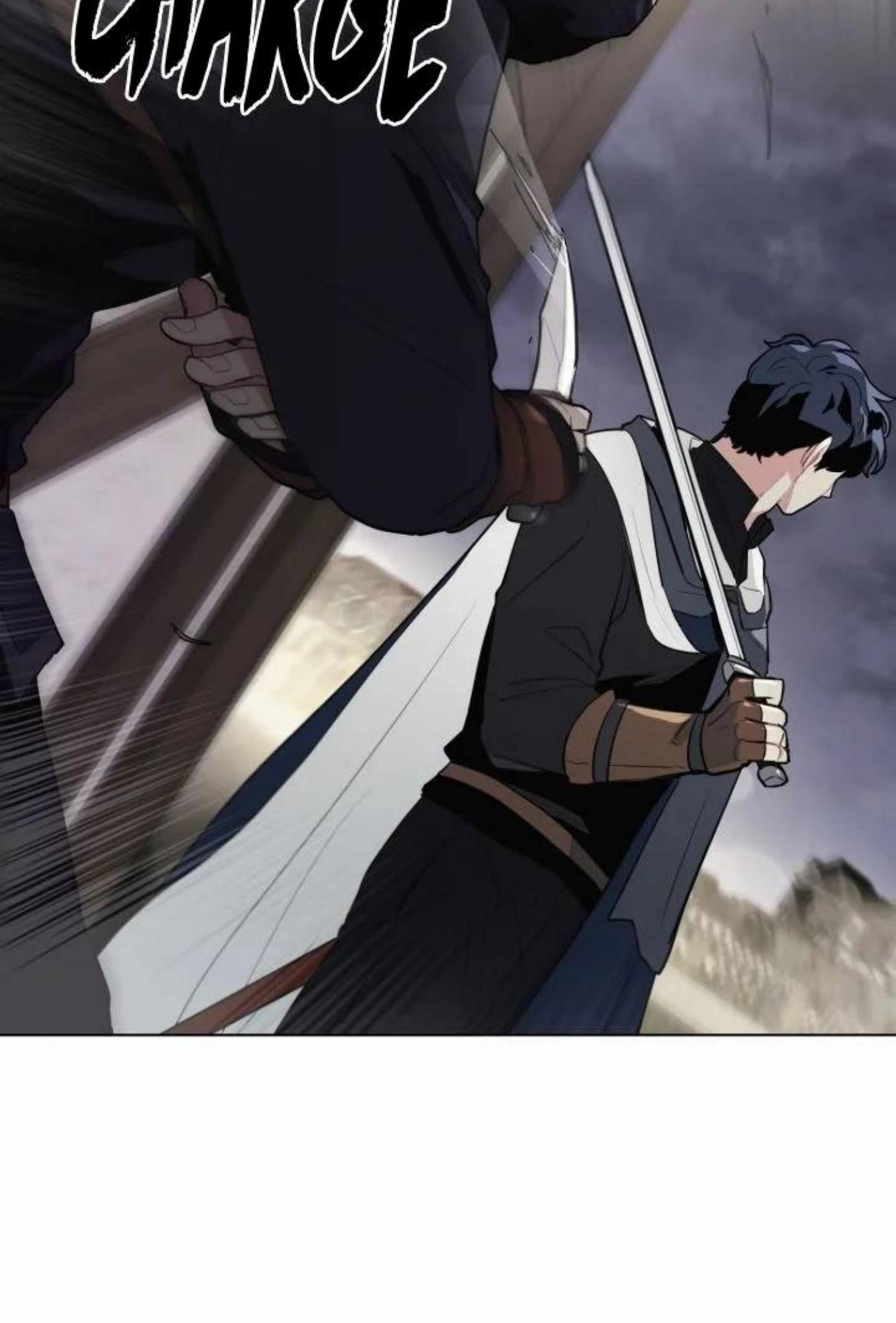
...RUN  
FOR IT.

HE'S BEEN  
FULL OF GAPS  
SINCE EARLIER.

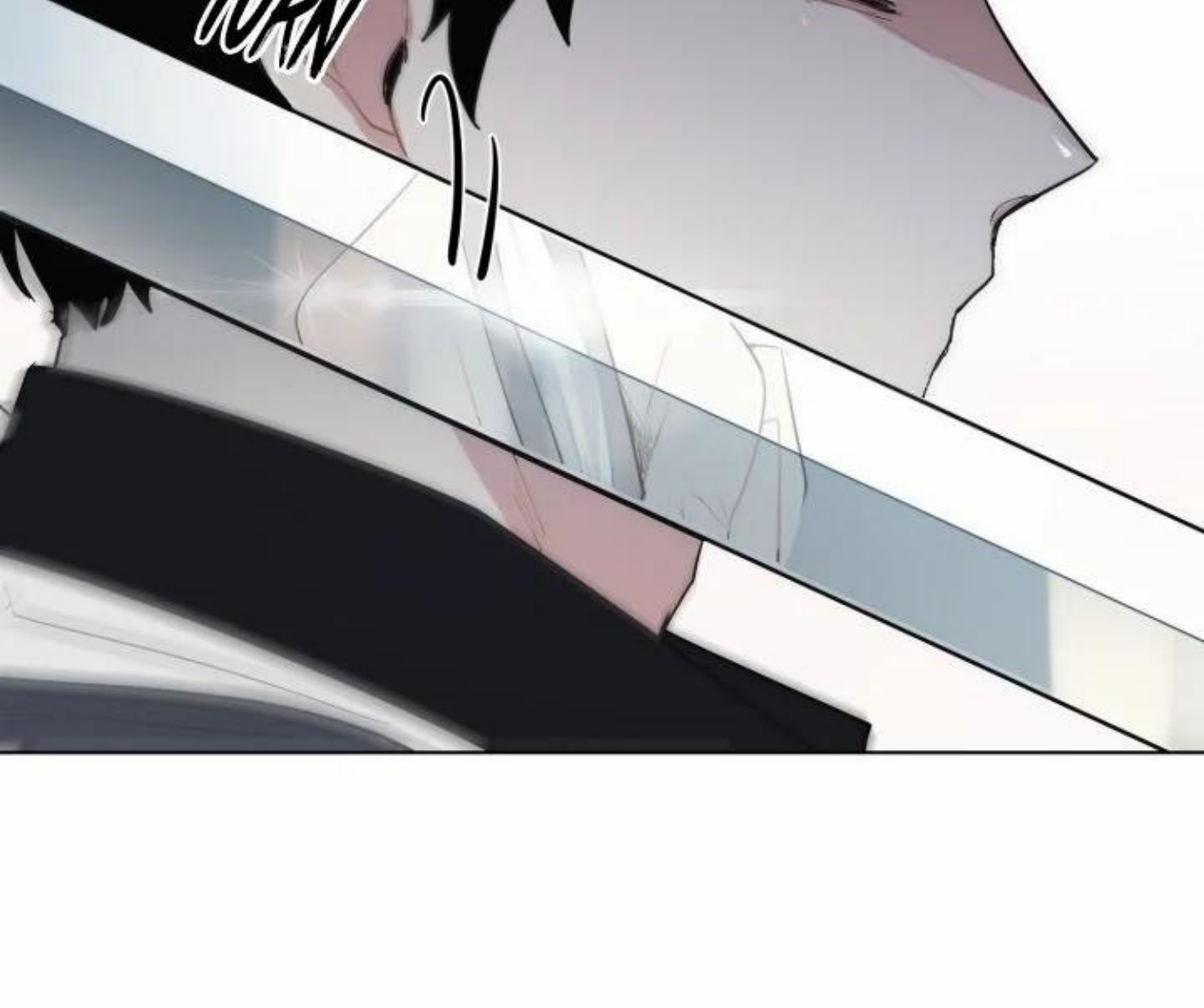


DO I TAKE CARE  
OF THE PRINCE TOO  
WHILE I'M AT IT?

I'LL FINISH THE  
ESPELINDOS WITH MY  
OWN HANDS...!

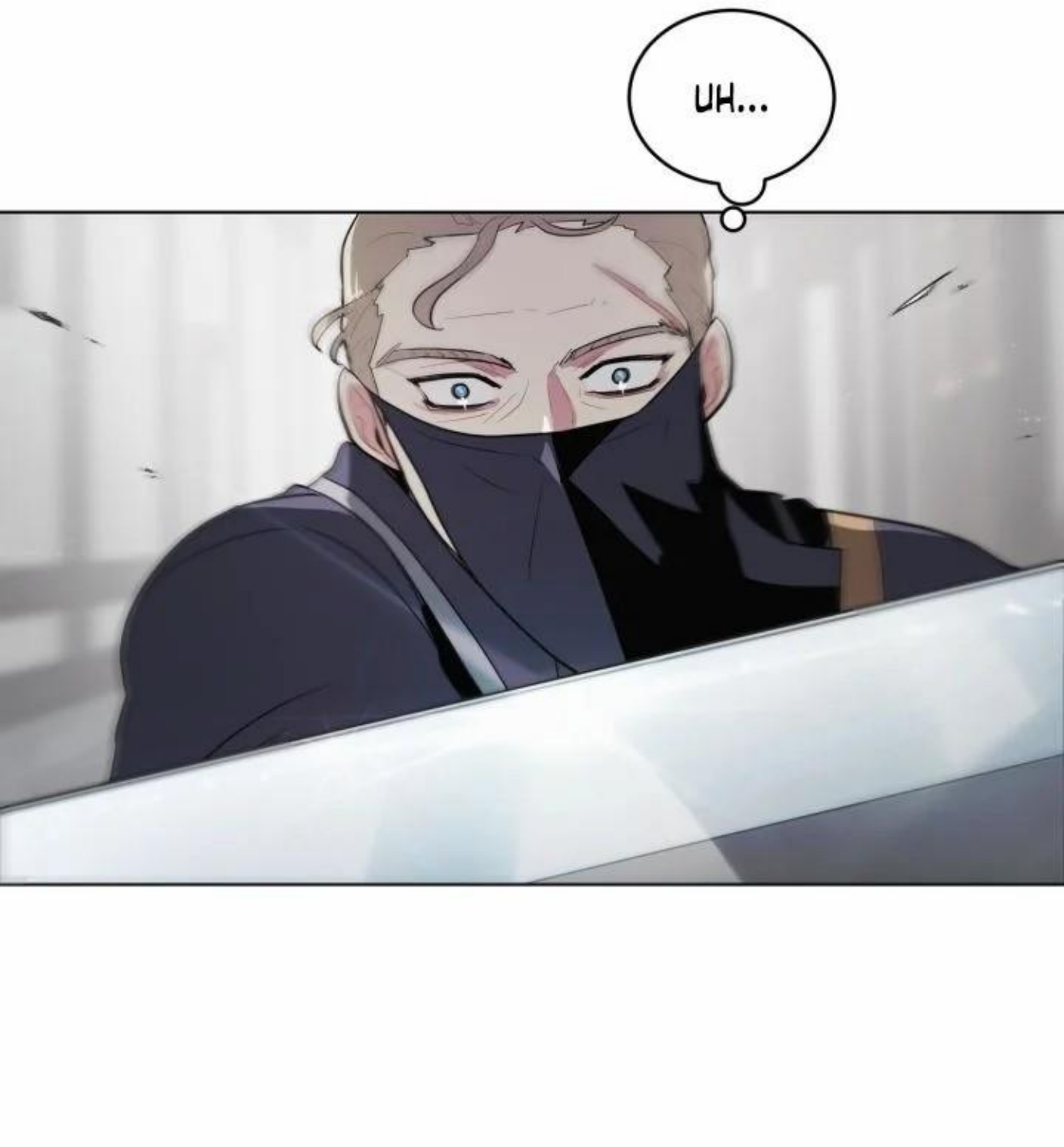


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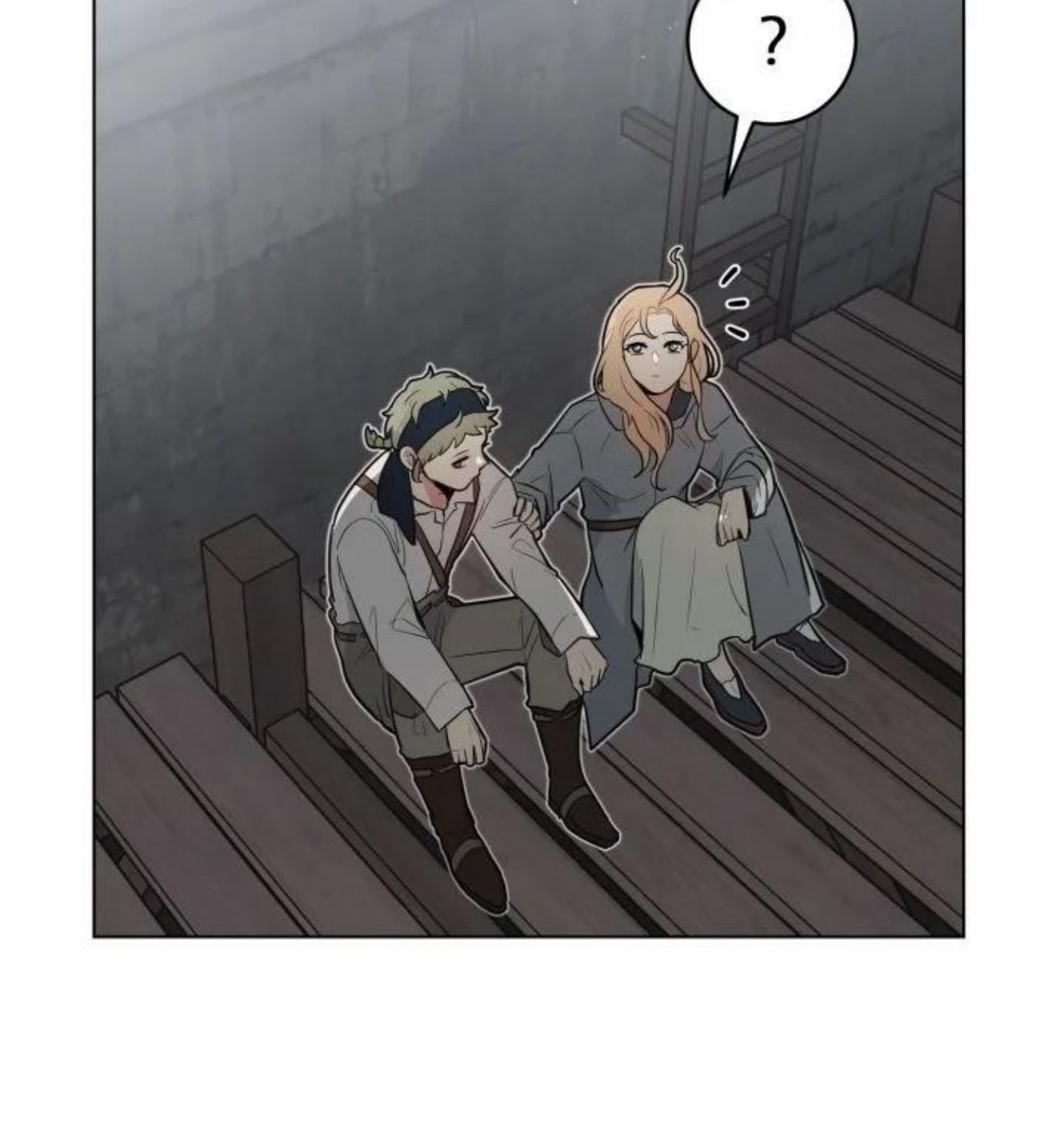
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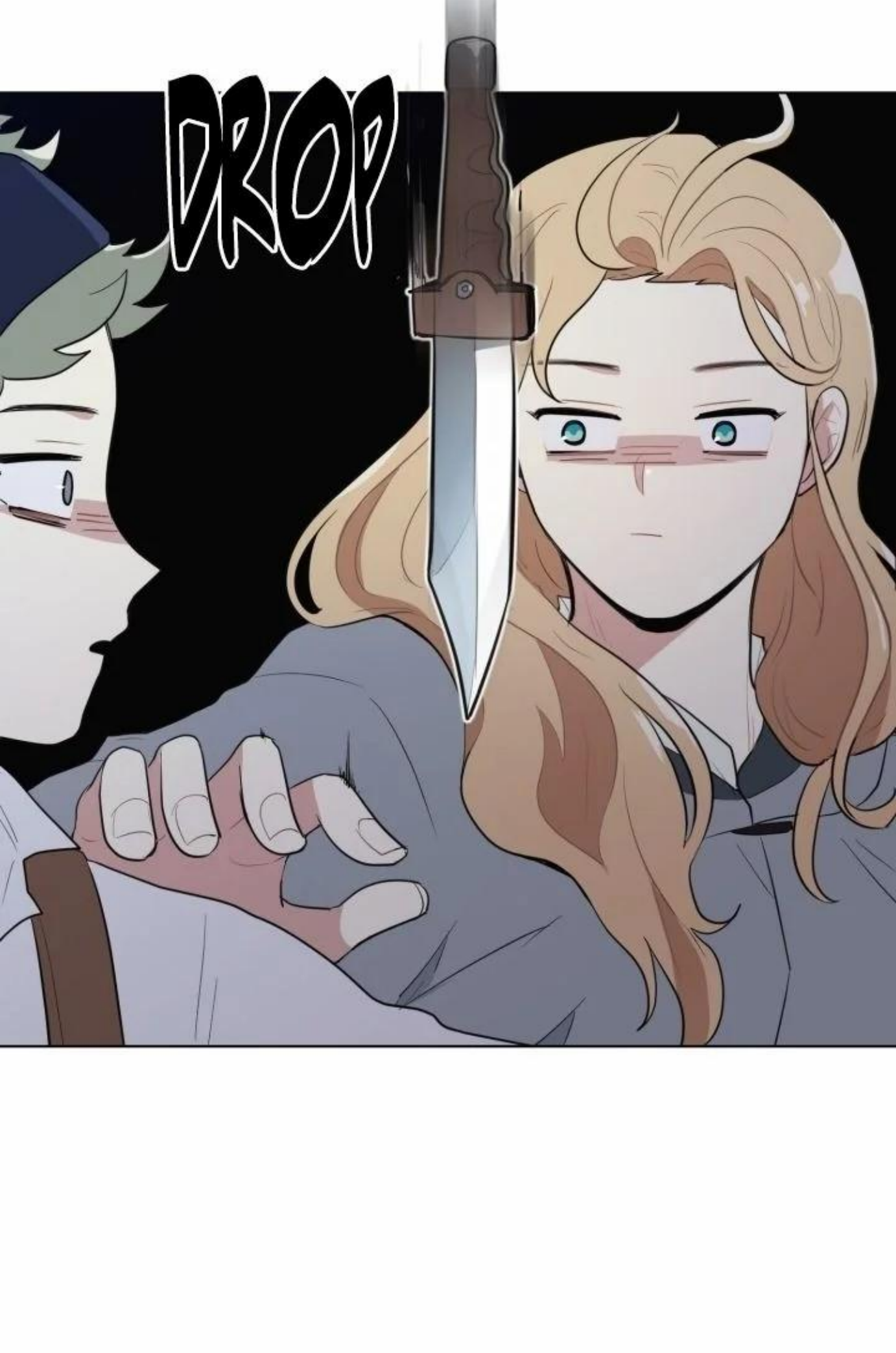


UH...

CLANG



?



DROP



AHHH!!

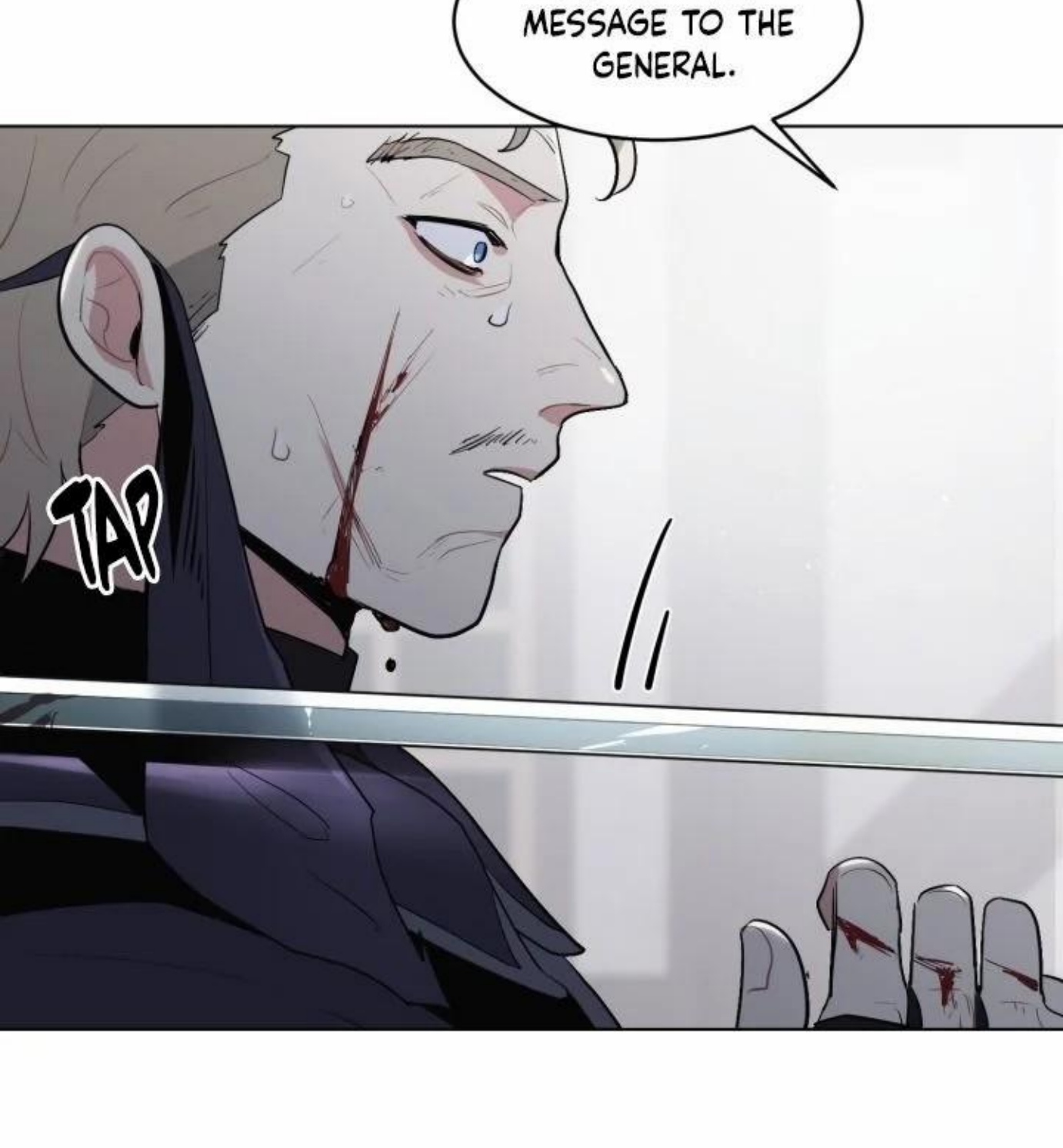
HOLY SHIT!

OH... IT MUST'VE FLOWN OVER THERE.



I'VE GOTTEN A GOOD LOOK AT YOUR FACE.

YOU CAN EITHER DIE HERE AT MY HANDS, OR...



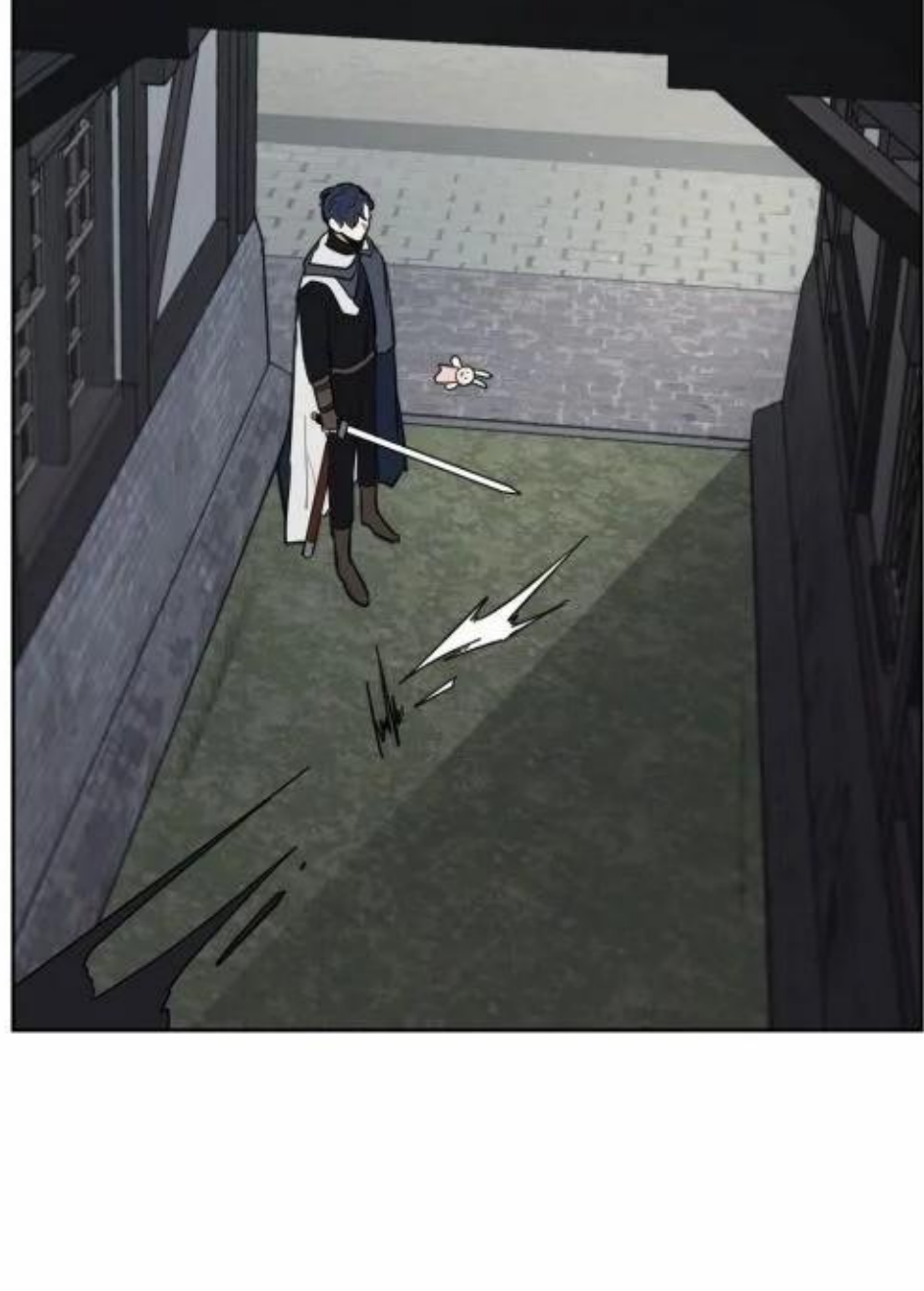
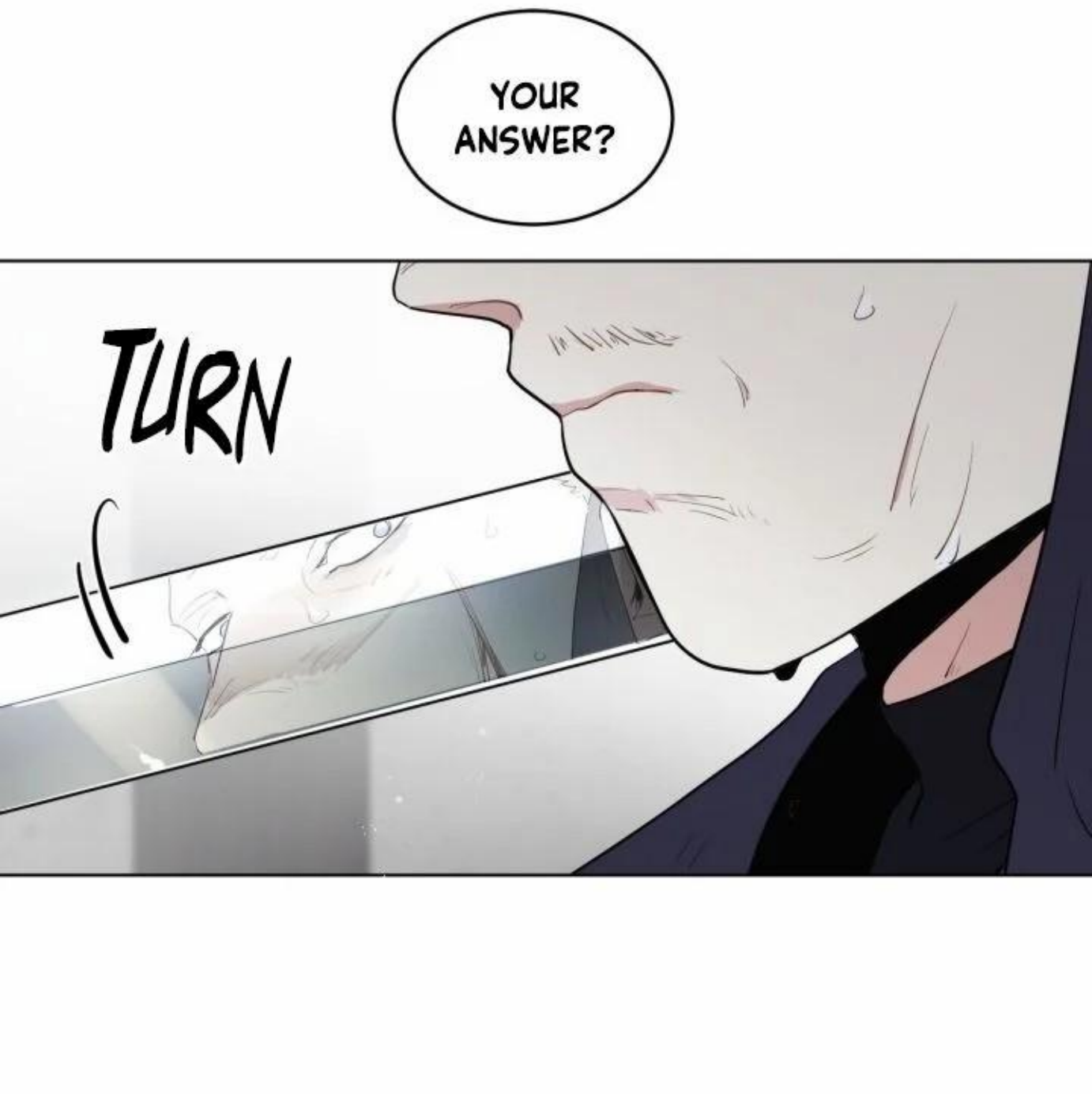
DELIVER THIS MESSAGE TO THE GENERAL.



DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT LAYING A HAND ON THE AUTHOR.

IF HE TRIES TO THREATEN HER AGAIN, WHETHER HE RECEIVES THIS MESSAGE OR NOT, I WILL ABSOLUTELY NOT STAND FOR IT.







NO.

IT'S BECAUSE YOU DON'T EXPLAIN THINGS LIKE THIS CLEARLY THAT CREATE ALL THOSE MISUNDERSTANDINGS...

PEOPLE WILL BELIEVE WHATEVER THEY SEE AT THAT MOMENT WITH THEIR OWN EYES.

YOU WERE DOING THAT TO PROTECT ME, RIGHT? THANK YOU.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY ANYTHING ELSE.

I'LL DRAW OUT THE HIDDEN MEANINGS FROM YOUR ACTIONS,

SO OTHER PEOPLE WON'T GET SWEEPED ALONG SO EASILY WITH ALL THE RUMORS.

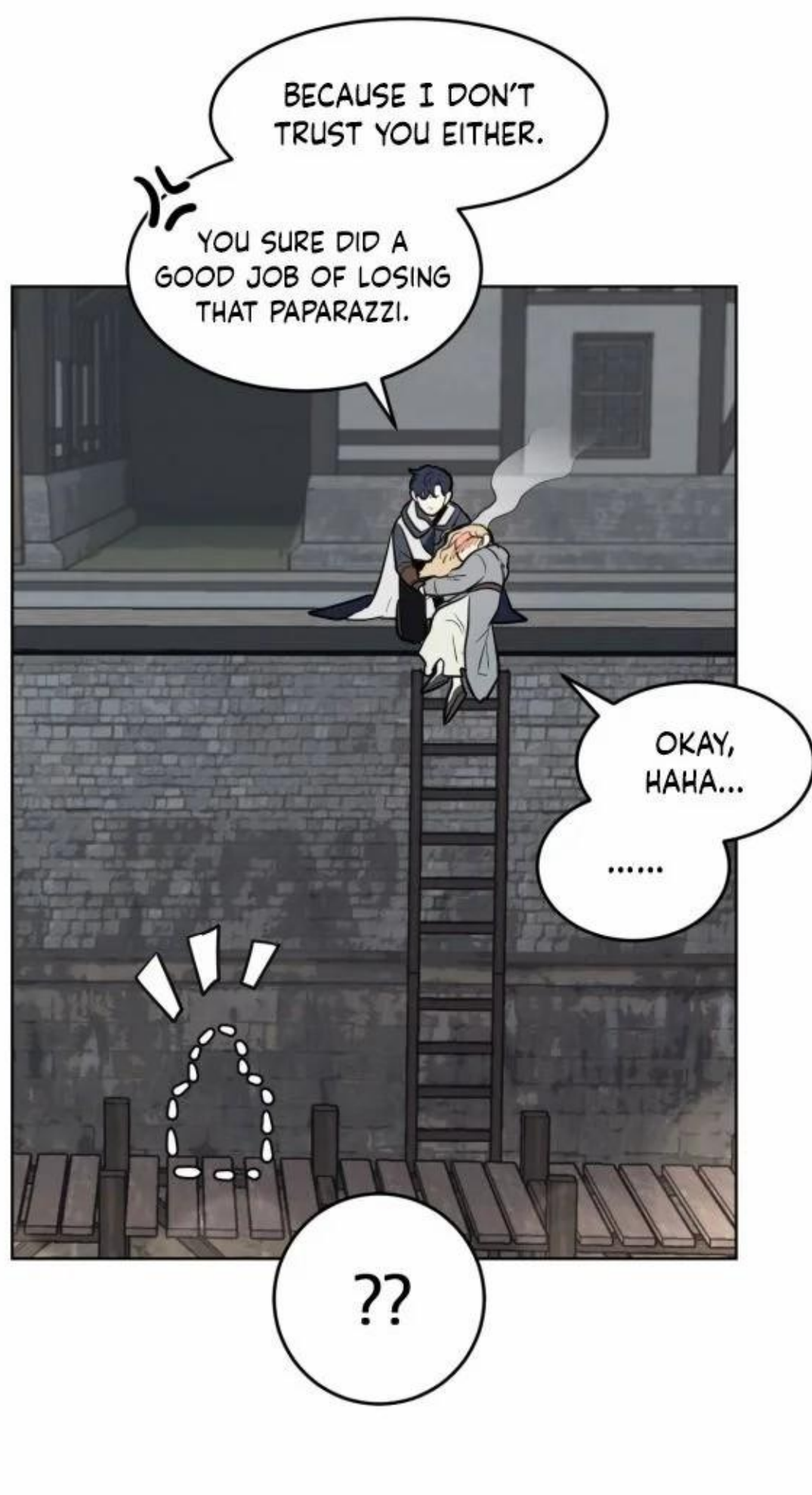
BECAUSE I BELIEVE IN YOU.

I WONDER.

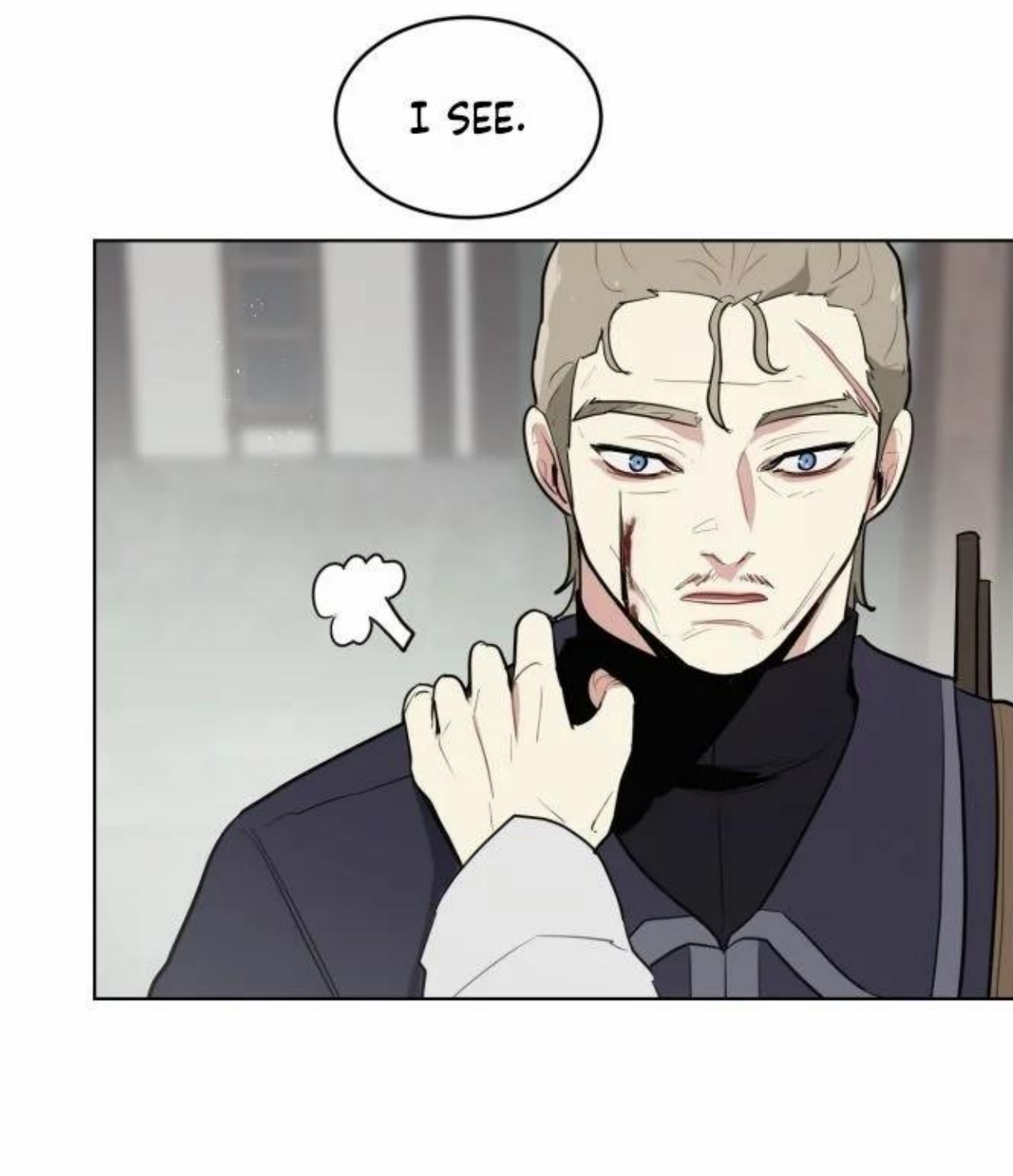
UGH, I EVEN SAID ALL OF THOSE EMBARRASSING THINGS, BUT HE JUST...

YOUR HAND.













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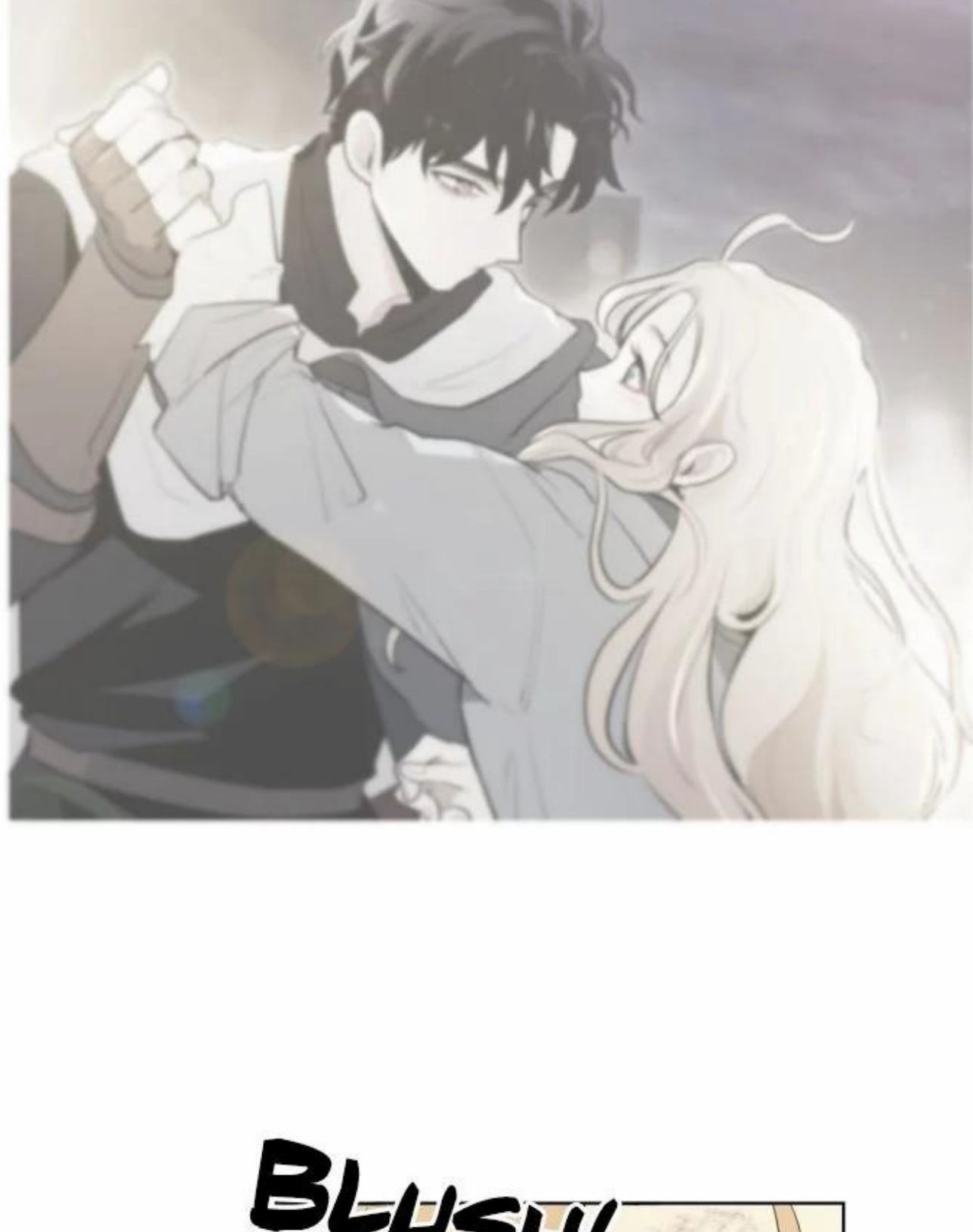
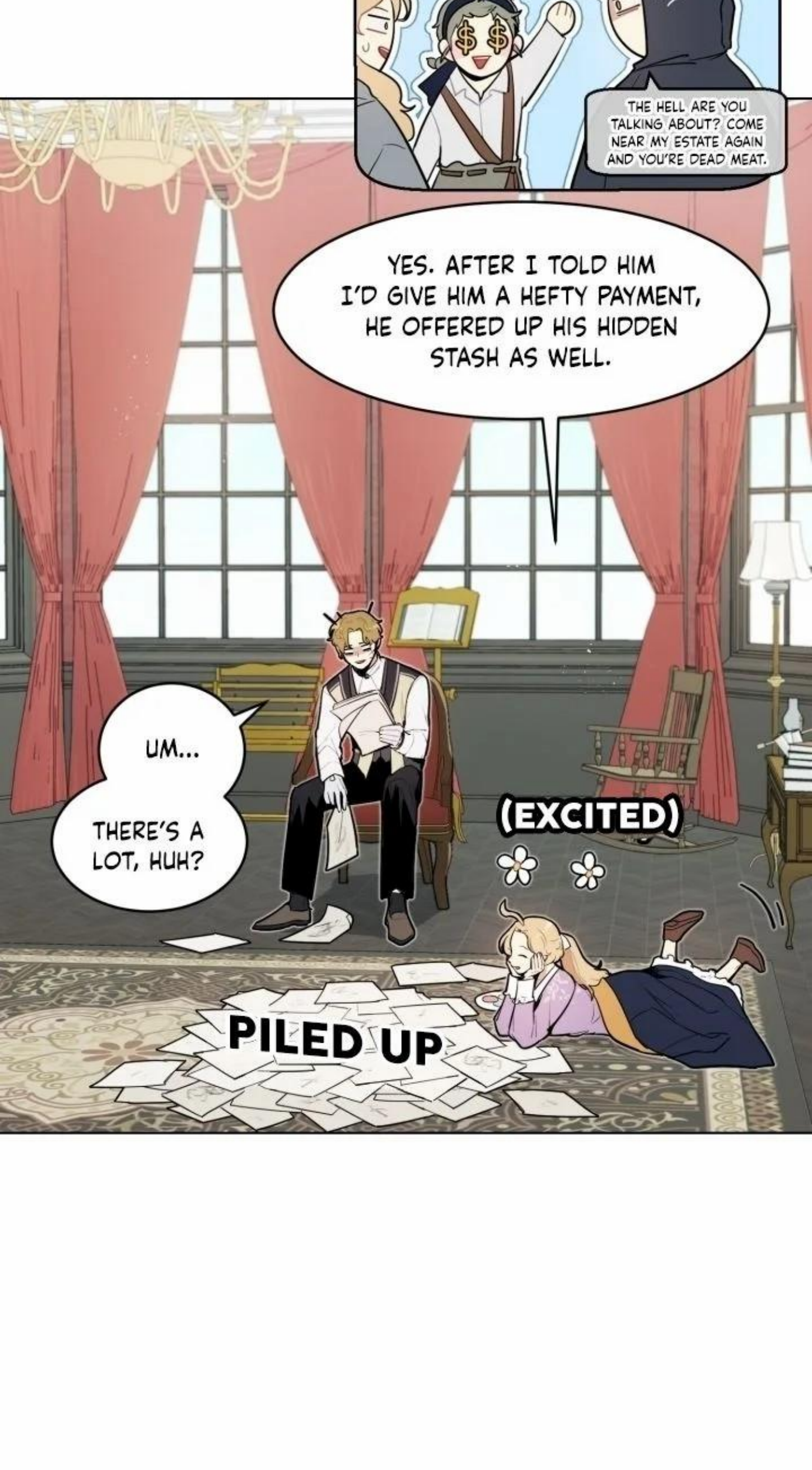
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**STARE**



YOU SLEPT  
HERE, HUH?

THE SKETCH MARKS  
ON YOUR FOREHEAD...

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WHAT!!

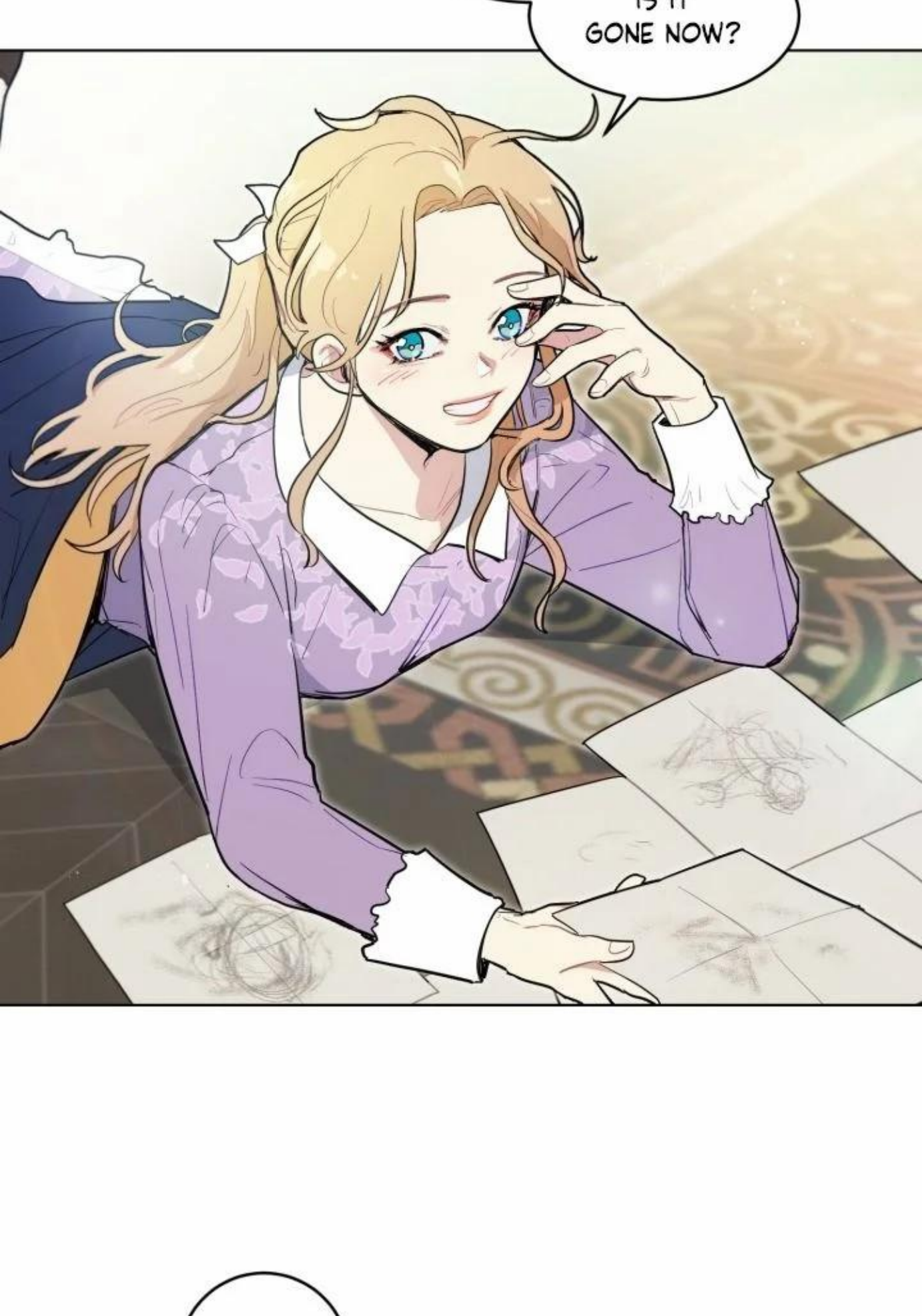
I- IT'S BECAUSE  
I WAS WRITING ALL  
NIGHT.

(LYING)



THAT COULD  
HAVE BEEN TOTALLY  
EMBARRASSING.

IS IT  
GONE NOW?



YES.

(EXCITED AGAIN)

DOES SHE LIKE  
HIM THAT MUCH?  
I SWEAR, SHE'S JUST  
LIKE A CHILD...



ANYWAY, IT'S A  
RELIEF THAT THIS MATTER  
IS NOW RESOLVED, BUT IT'LL  
TAKE SOME TIME TO CHECK  
OVER THINGS AGAIN.

I'LL HAVE TO MAKE  
SURE HE KEEPS HIS MOUTH  
SHUT AND...

ORGANIZING THINGS  
HE HAS TO DO

I FEEL LIKE  
I'M FORGETTING  
SOMETHING.



KNOCK

KNOCK

EXCUSE ME,  
SIR MANO AND MISS  
SCHOLAR.

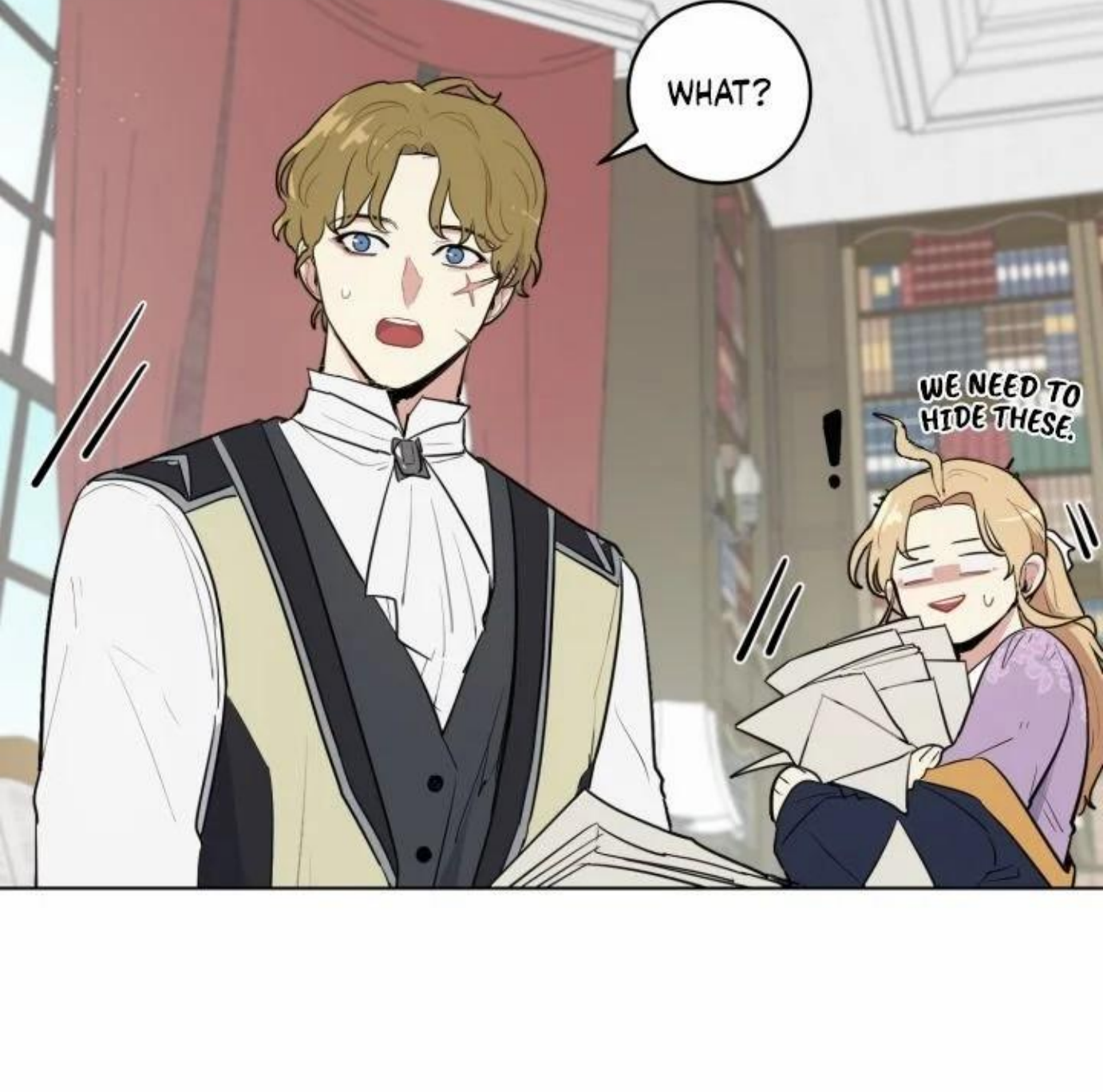
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THE PRINCESS  
HAS ARRIVED.

WHAT?

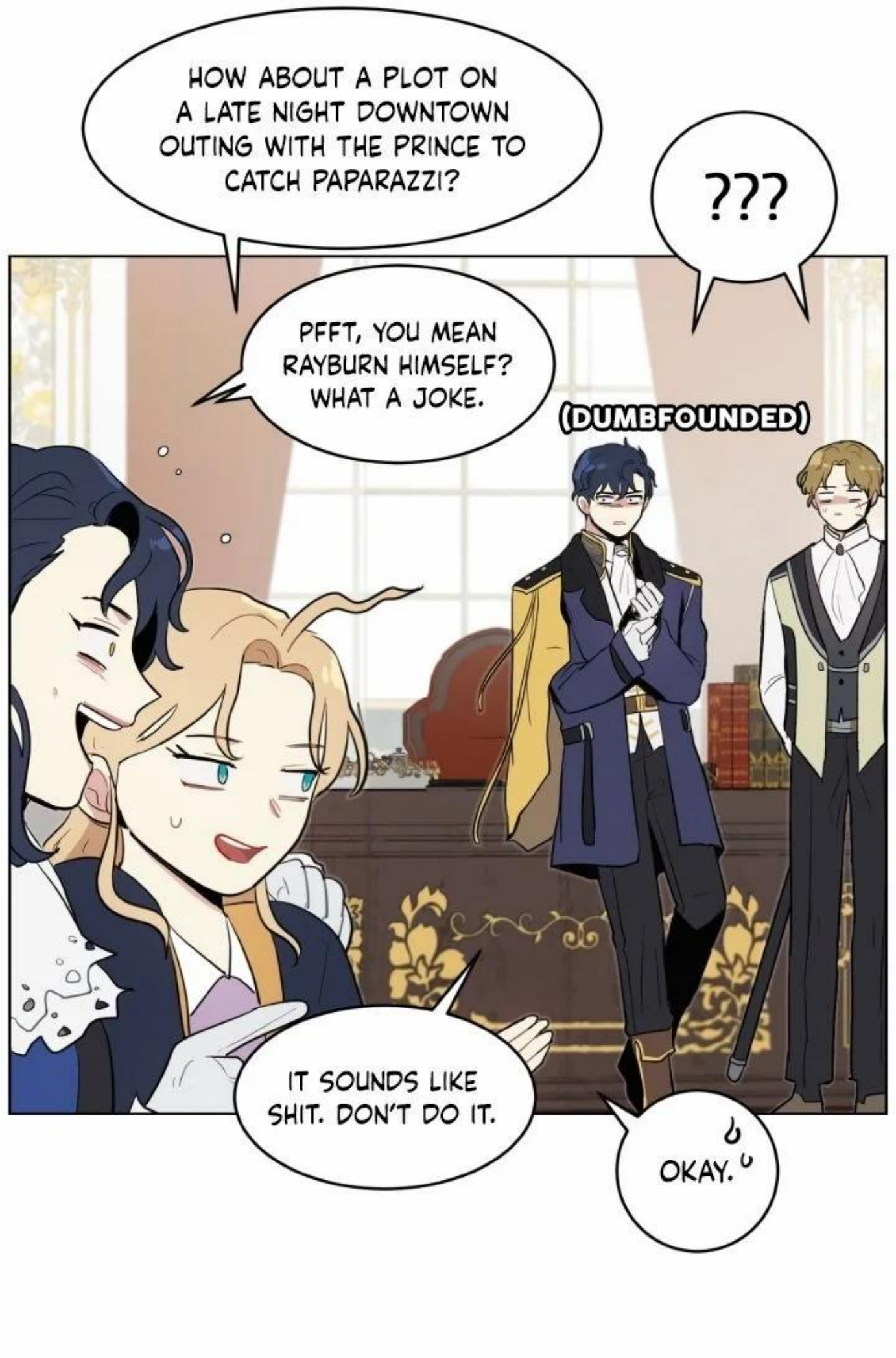
WE NEED TO  
HIDE THESE.







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YOU DIDN'T INFORM ME YOU WERE COMING TODAY. I'VE GOT THINGS TO DO, SO I'LL BE LEAVING NOW.

DO YOU HAVE ANY URGENT BUSINESS WITH ME?

I JUST ARRIVED A DAY EARLIER THAN I EXPECTED. WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?

STUBBORN

YEAH, YEAH. WHATEVER. HAVE FUN HERE.

WELL, YOU CAN THINK ABOUT THE NOVEL A BIT MORE, AND...

RAYBURN.

I HEARD FERDERIC VISITED A WHILE AGO.

THAT SWORD OVER THERE.

DOESN'T IT BELONG TO FERDERIC'S KNIGHT?

JUDGING FROM HOW HIS SWORD IS HERE, SOMETHING MUST'VE HAPPENED, RIGHT?

!

CRAP... I WAS GOING TO PUT IT AWAY, BUT SHE CAME A DAY EARLIER AND...

SAME WITH YOU, MANO. WHY DIDN'T YOU REPORT THIS TO ME?

I'M NOT PARTICULARLY FOND OF HEARING SUCH IMPORTANT NEWS FROM OTHERS.

I MEAN, AREN'T WE ALL SENSITIVE TO RUMORS?



THAT MATTER  
WASN'T SOMETHING THAT  
NEEDED TO BE REPORTED  
TO YOU.

HA.

THEN WHAT  
ABOUT YOU ATTENDING  
THE BANQUET?

THE NEWS HAS  
ALREADY SPREAD  
AMONGST THE  
NOBLES.

I HEARD THAT EVEN  
OUR NEW... SCHOLAR  
WAS INVITED.

**VERY UNEASY**

YOU ACTUALLY  
AGREED TO GO? WERE  
YOU BLINDSIDED?

FERDERIC FIGURED OUT  
THE AUTHOR'S IDENTITY,  
DIDN'T HE?

THERE'S NO WAY HE'D  
BE SO INTERESTED IN OUR  
NEWLY ARRIVED SCHOLAR.

DID YOU  
REALLY TRY TO HIDE  
THIS FROM ME?

WE PROMISED THAT  
THERE'D BE NO SECRETS  
BETWEEN US.

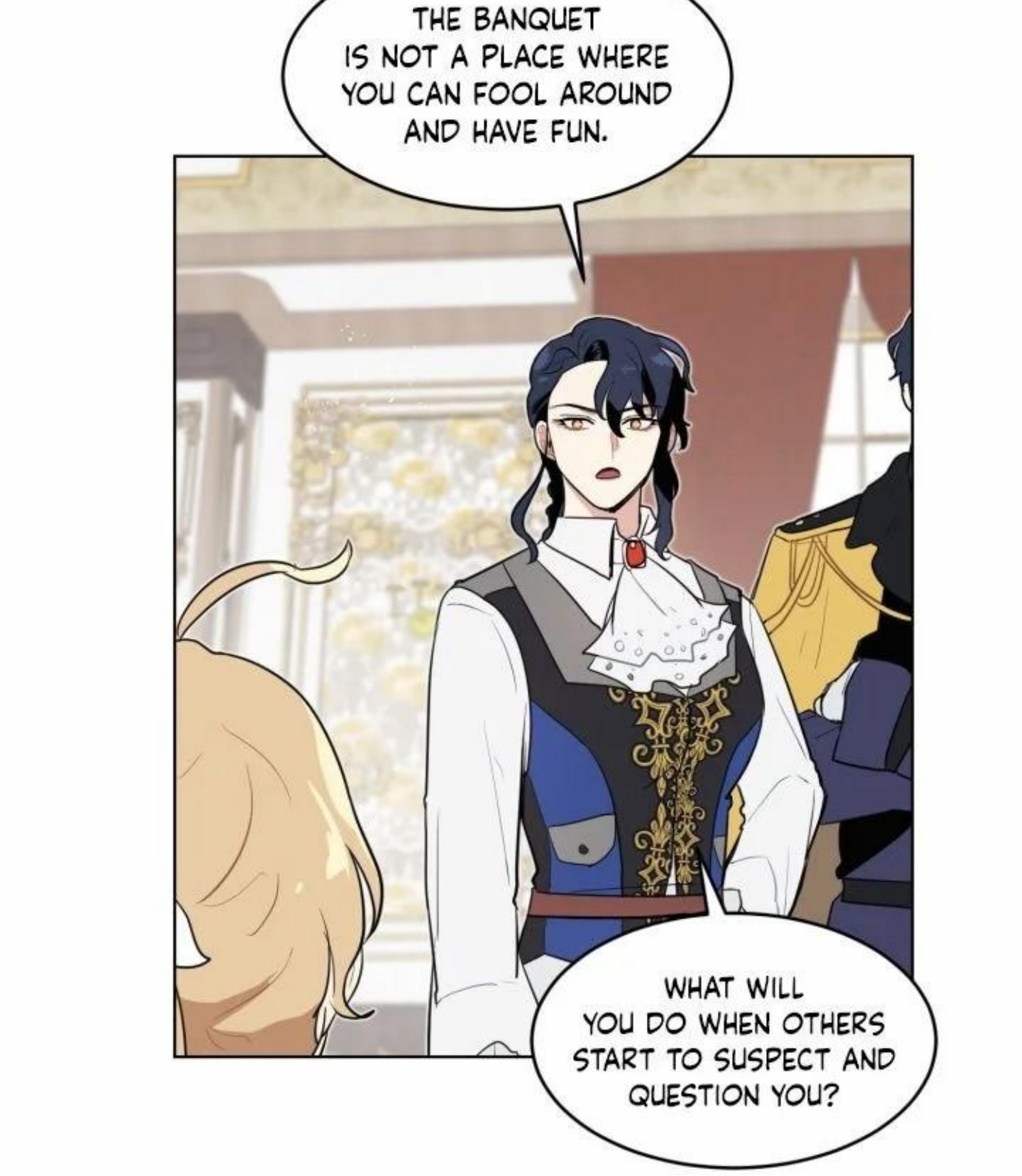
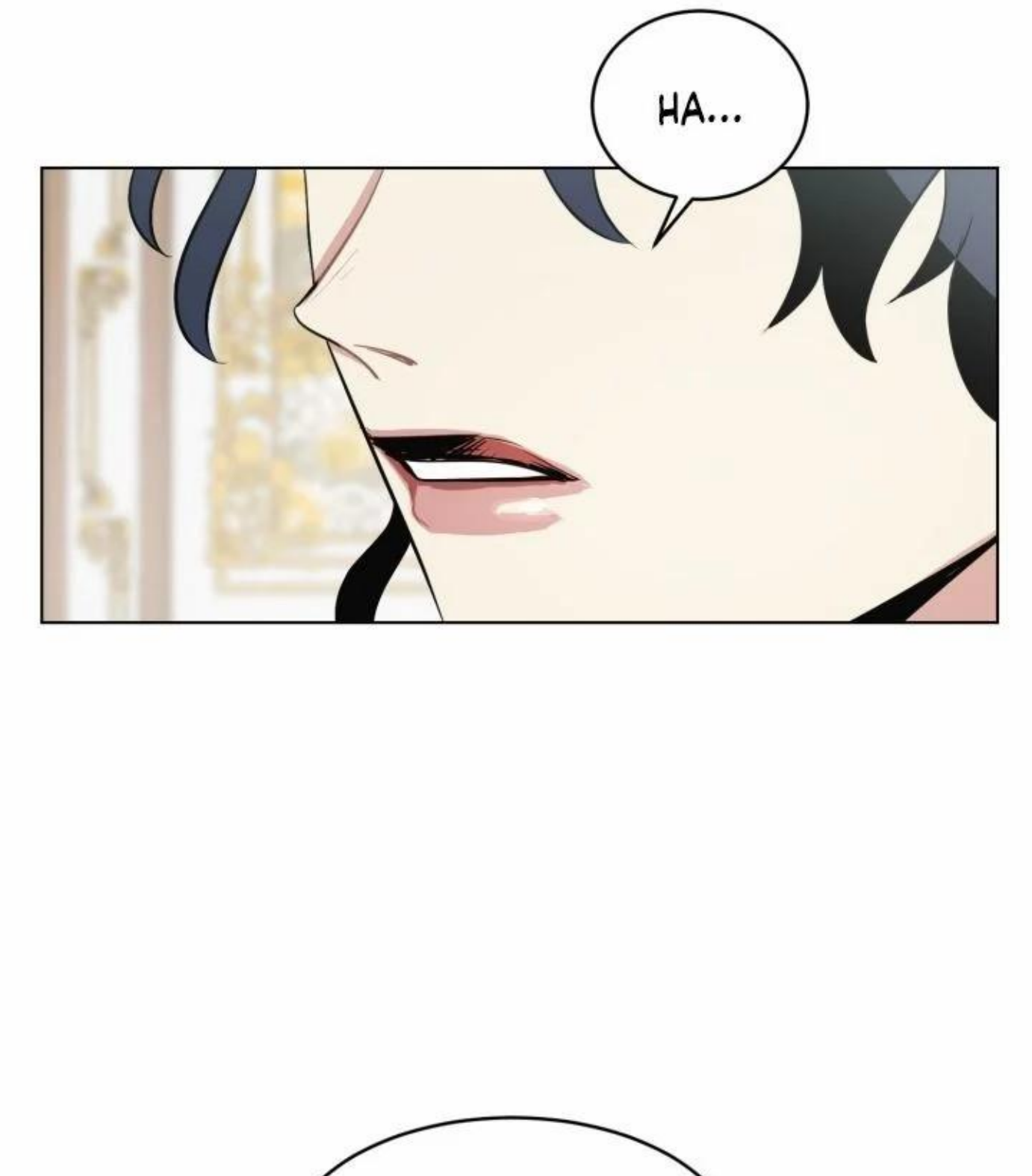
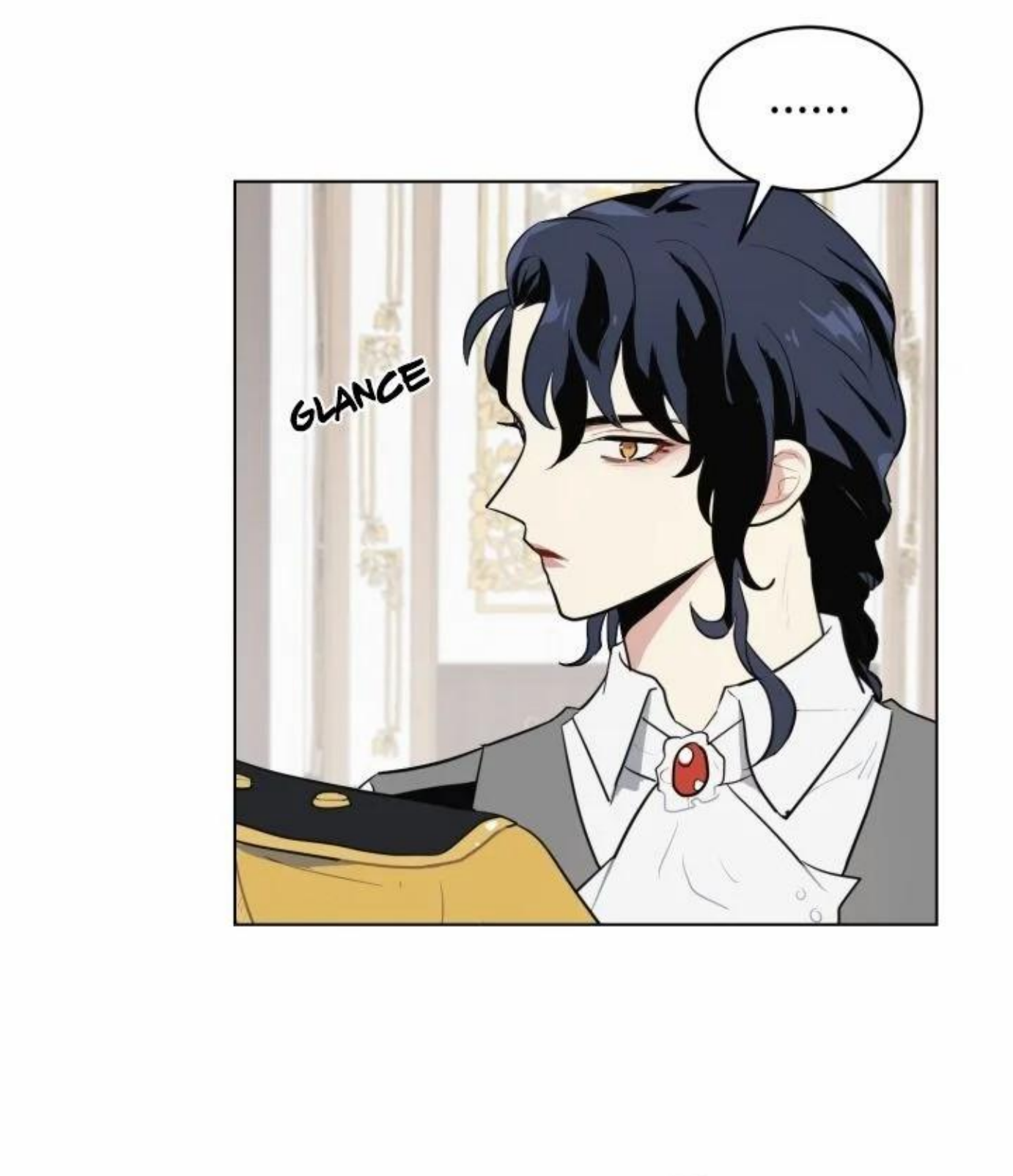
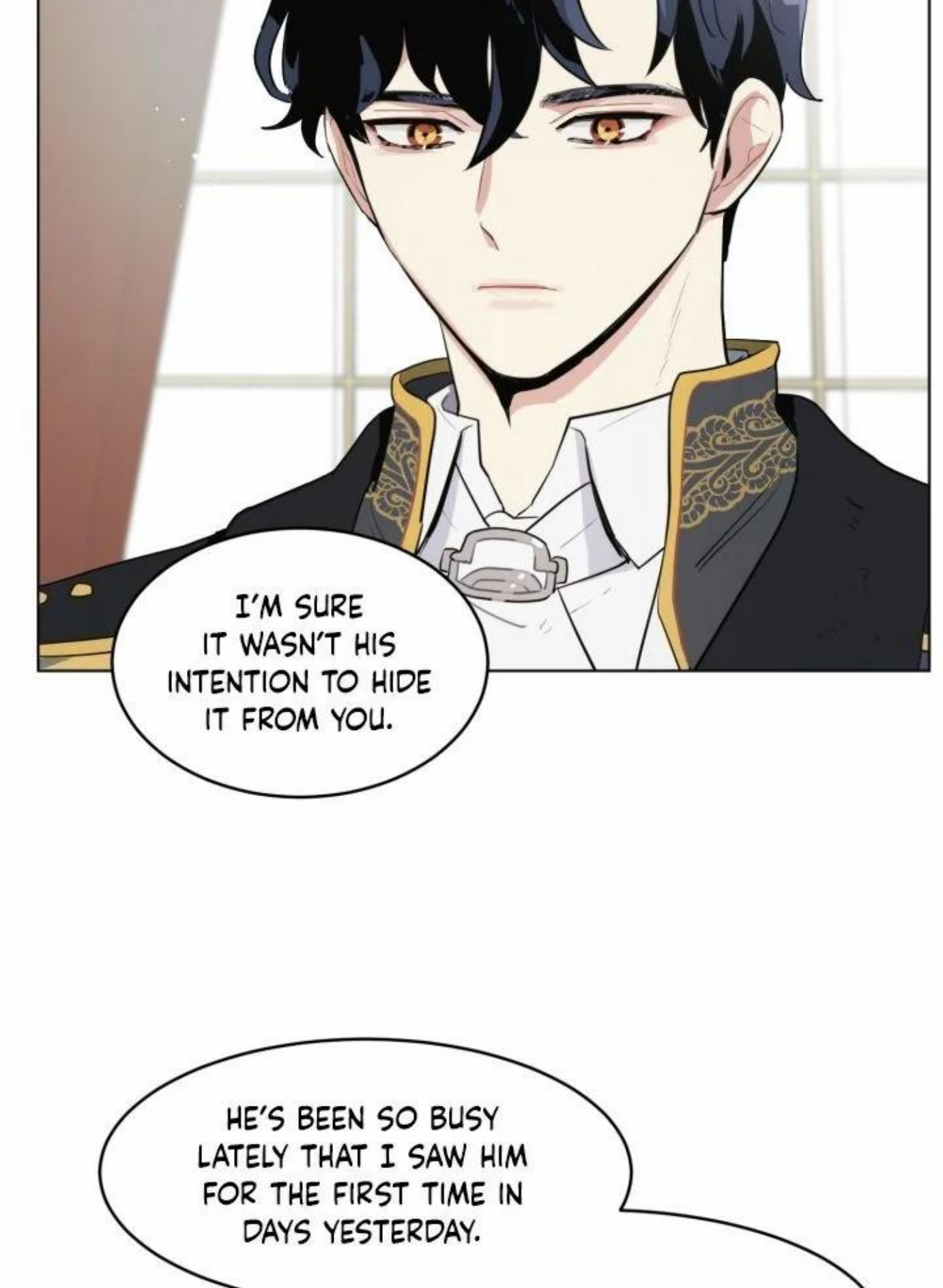
WELL...

THAT'S A BIT  
DEPRESSING.

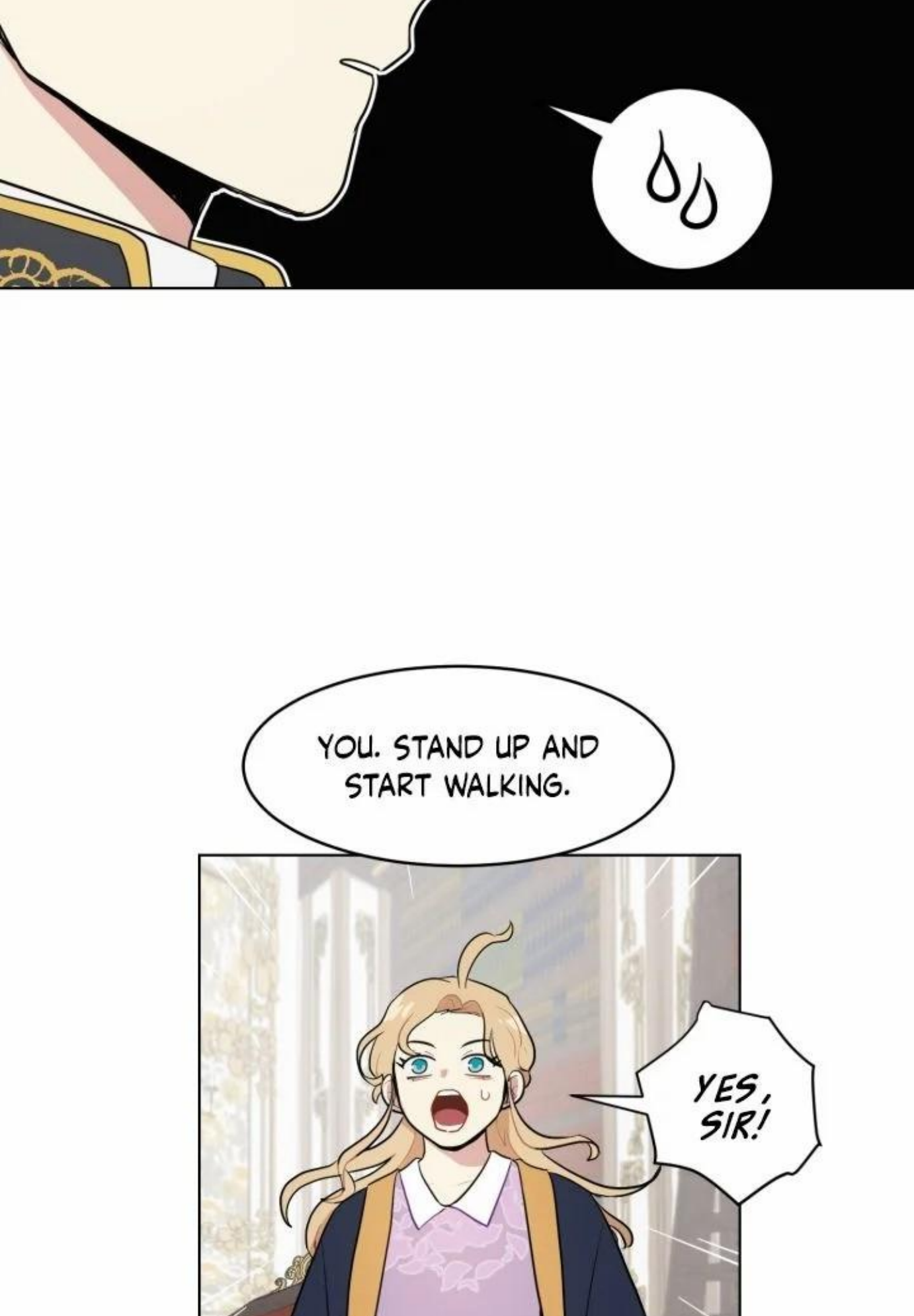
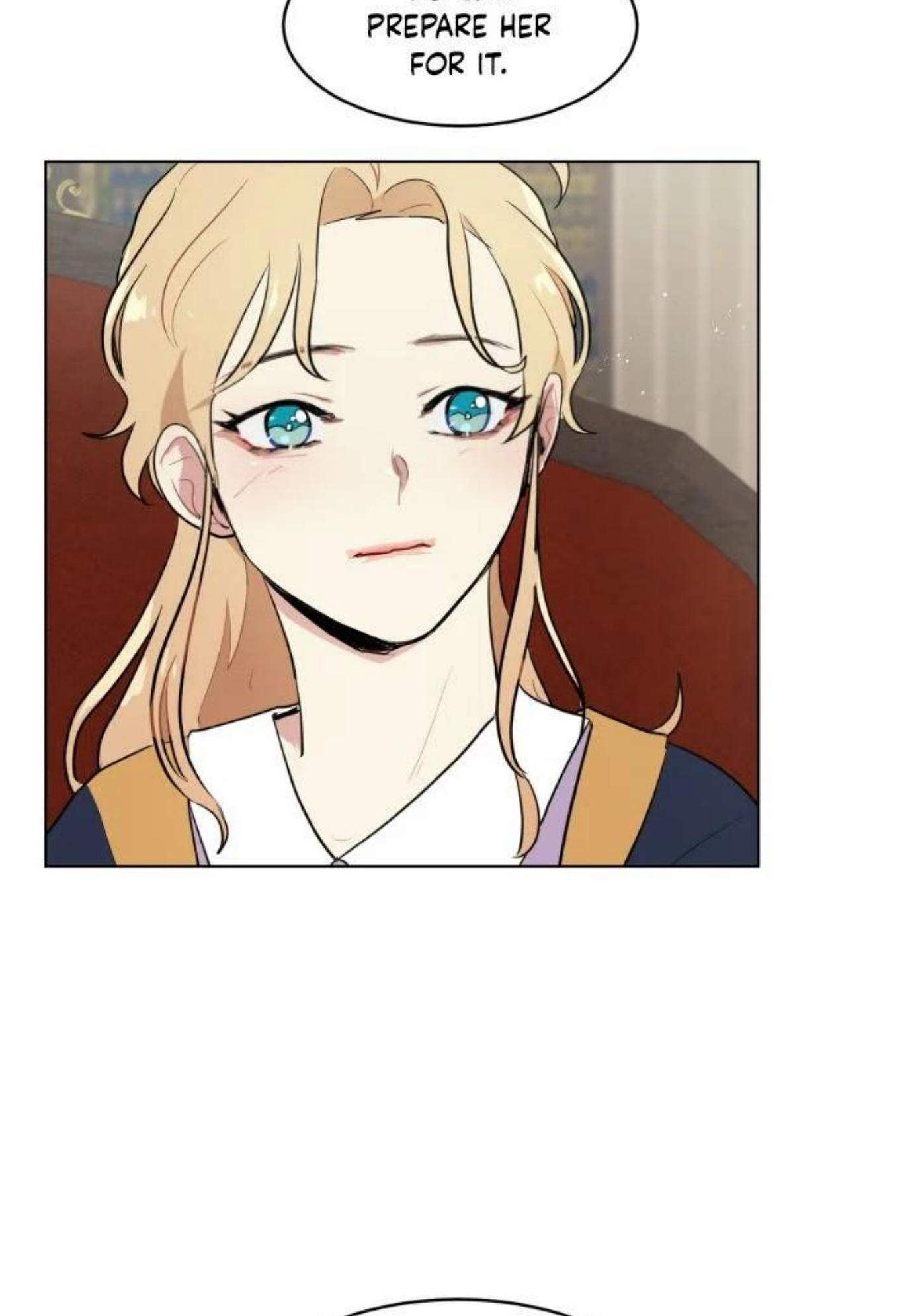
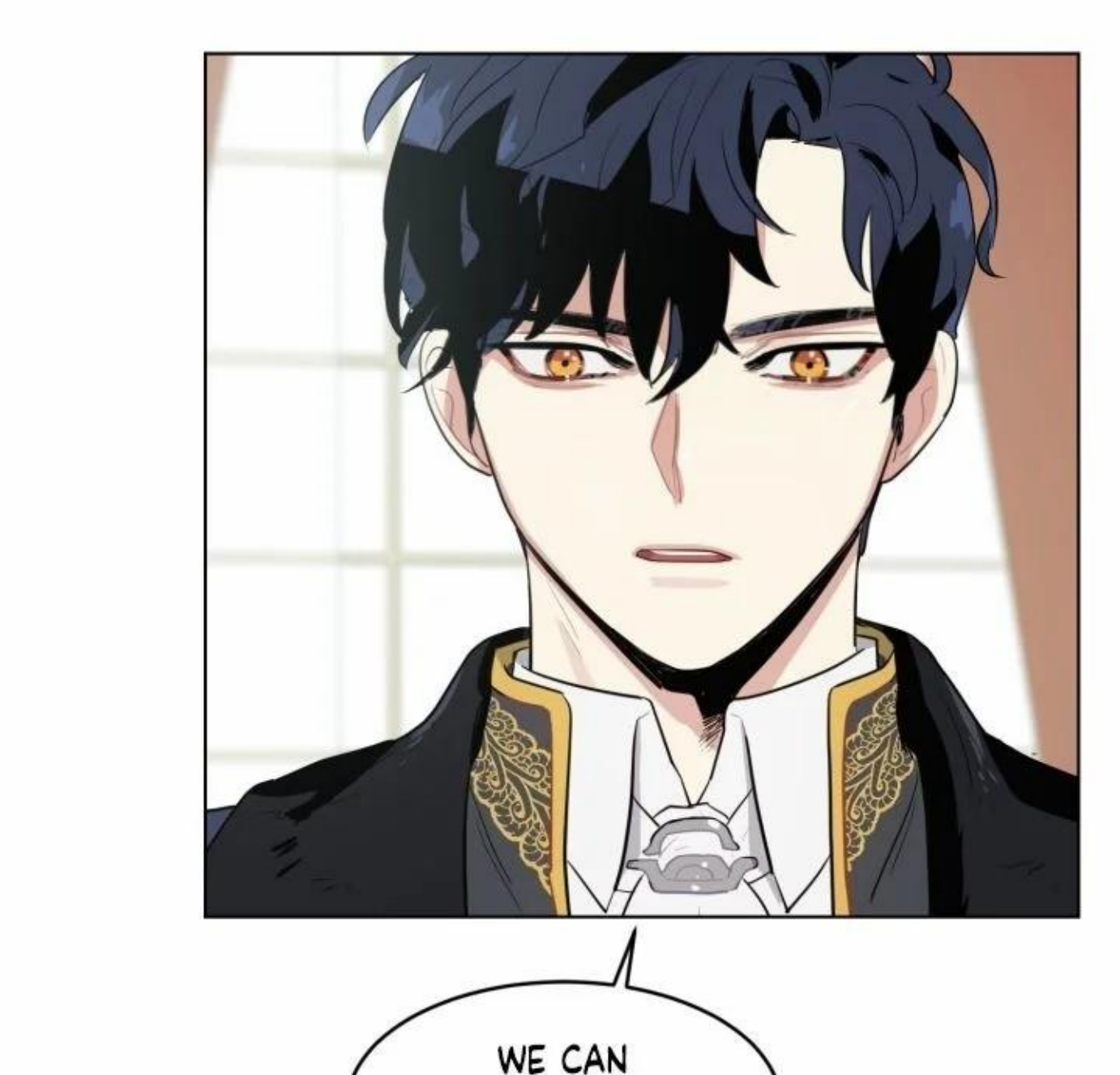
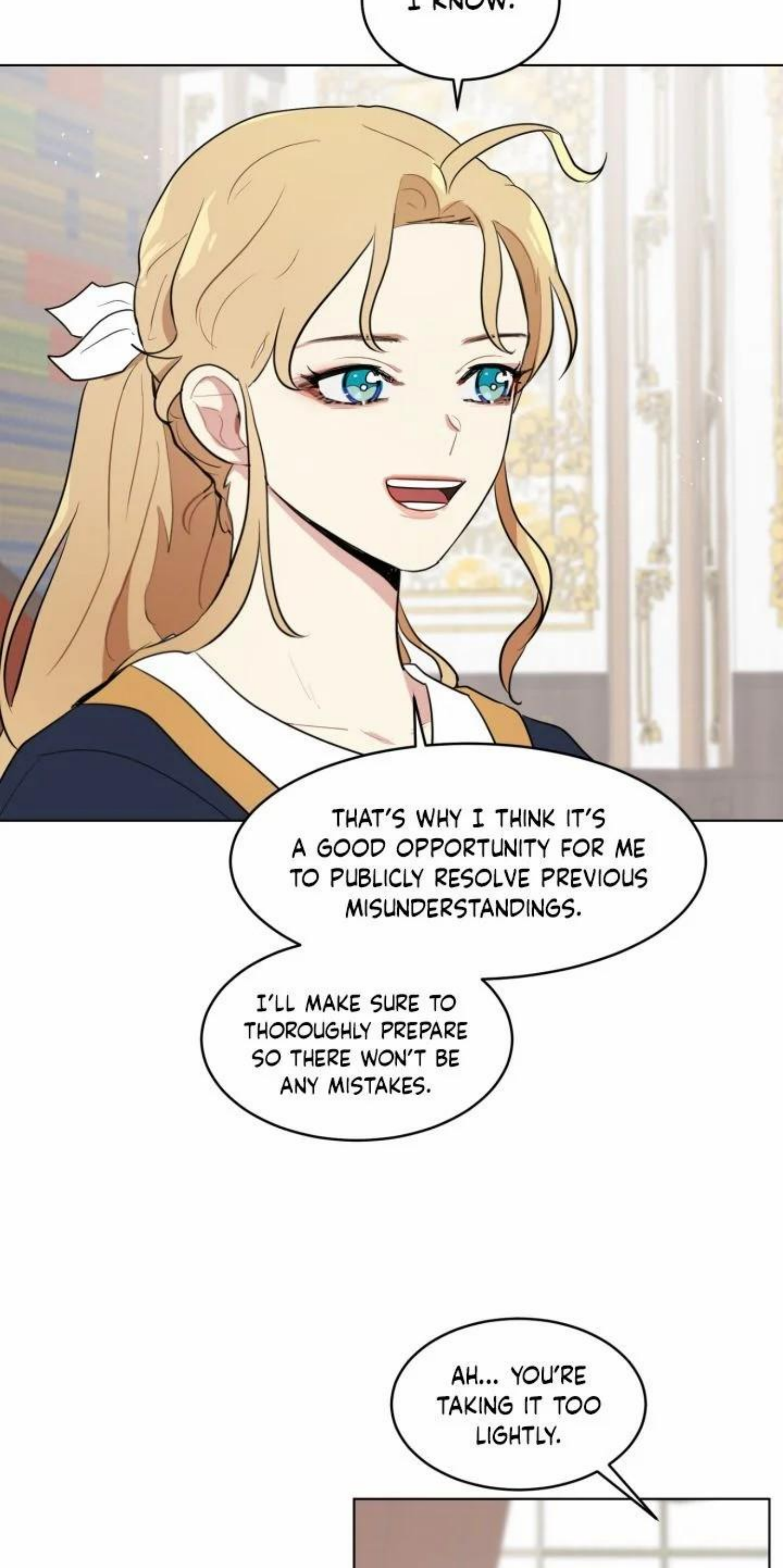
**COLD...**

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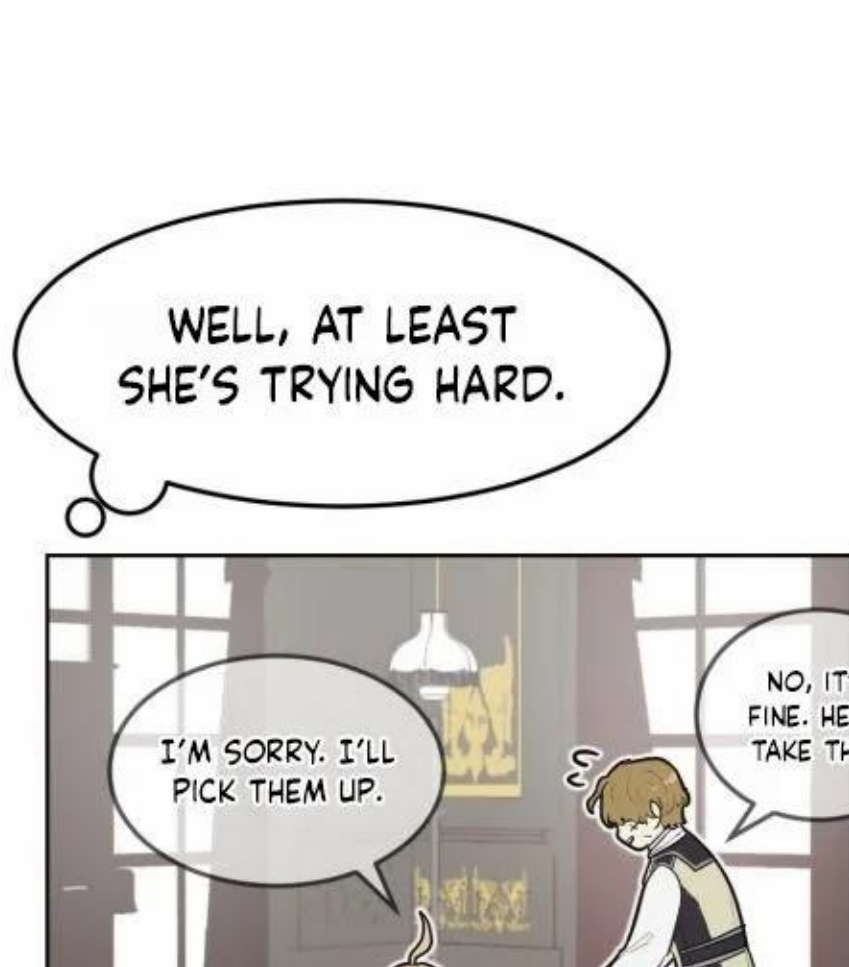
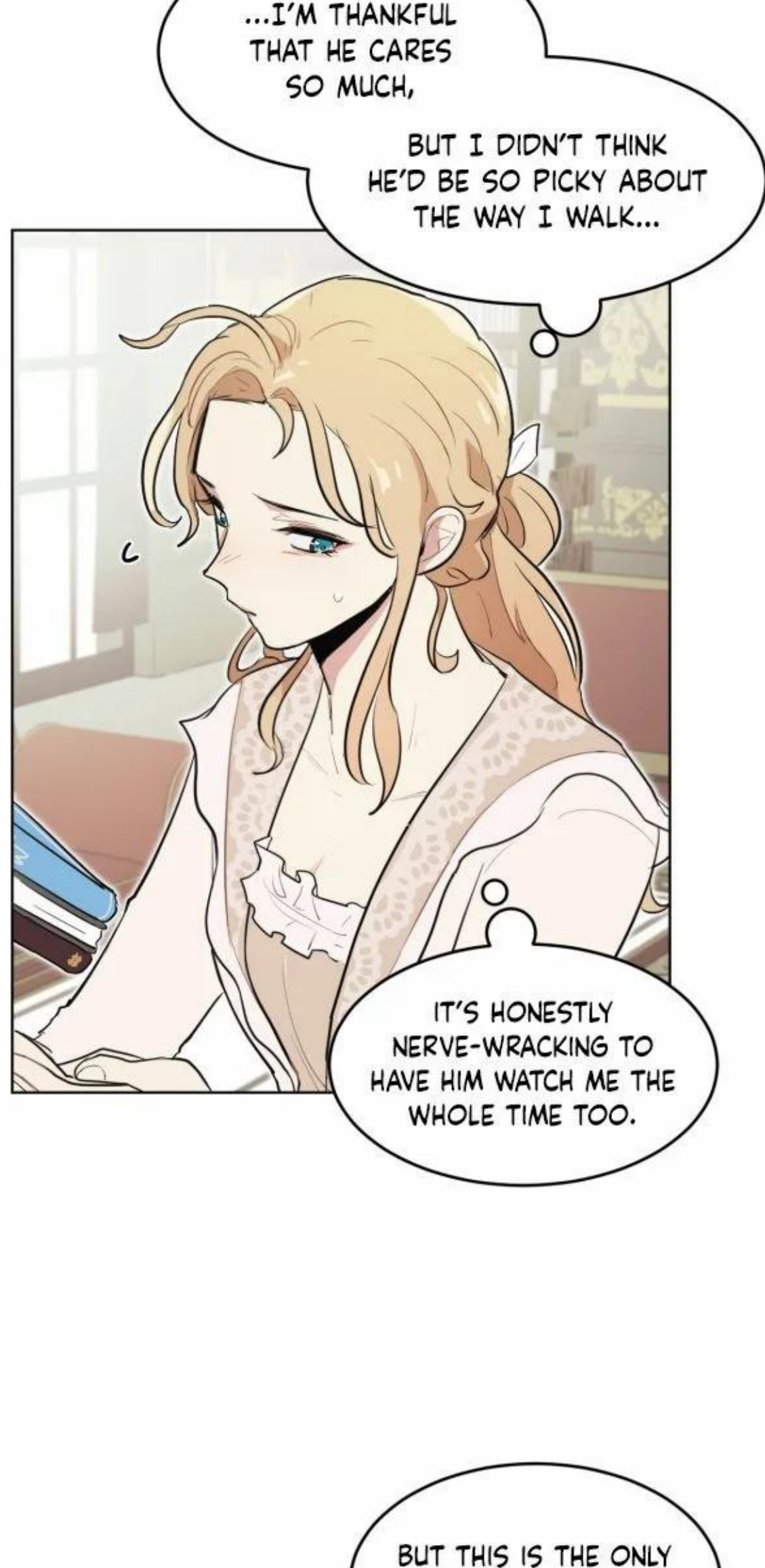
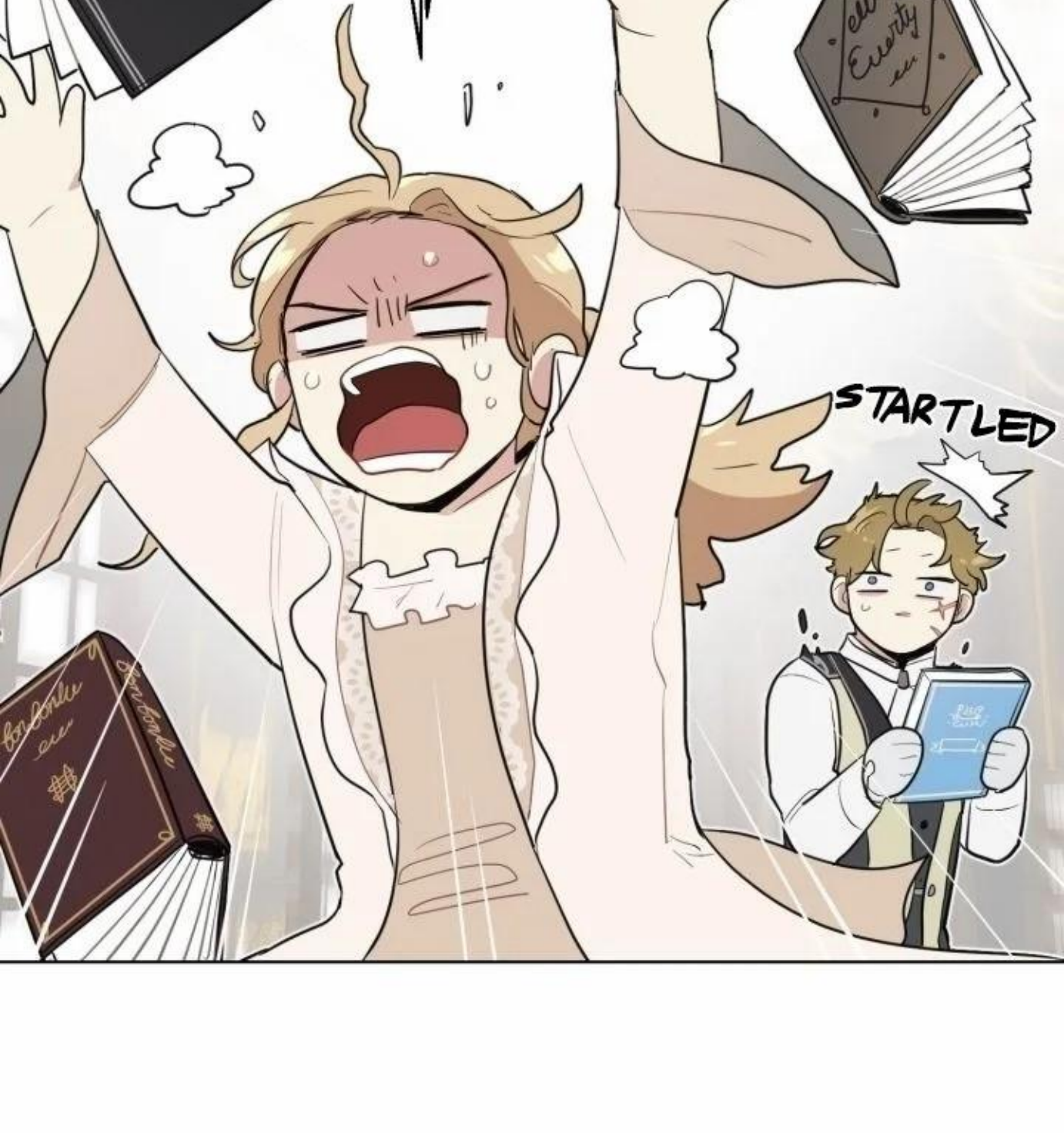




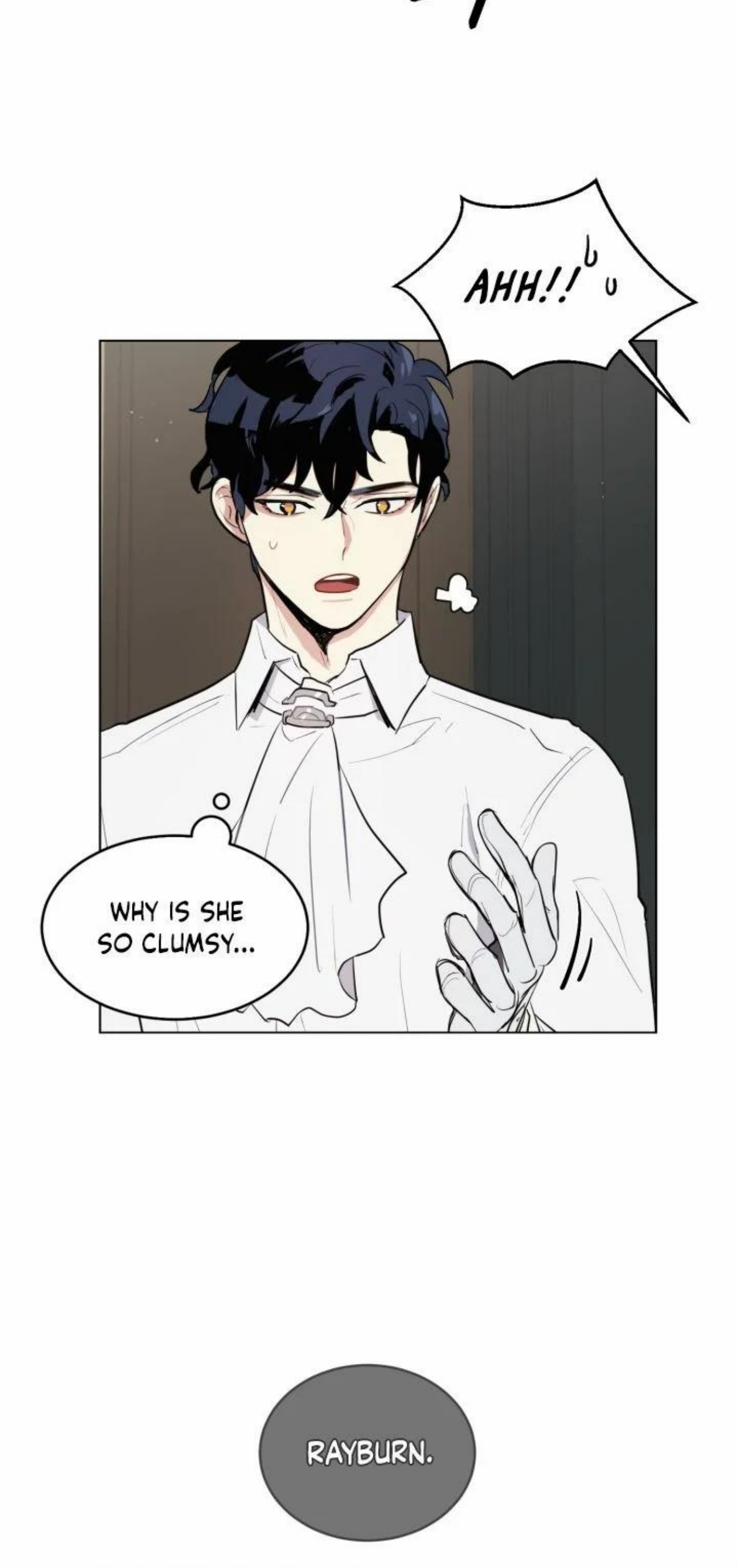
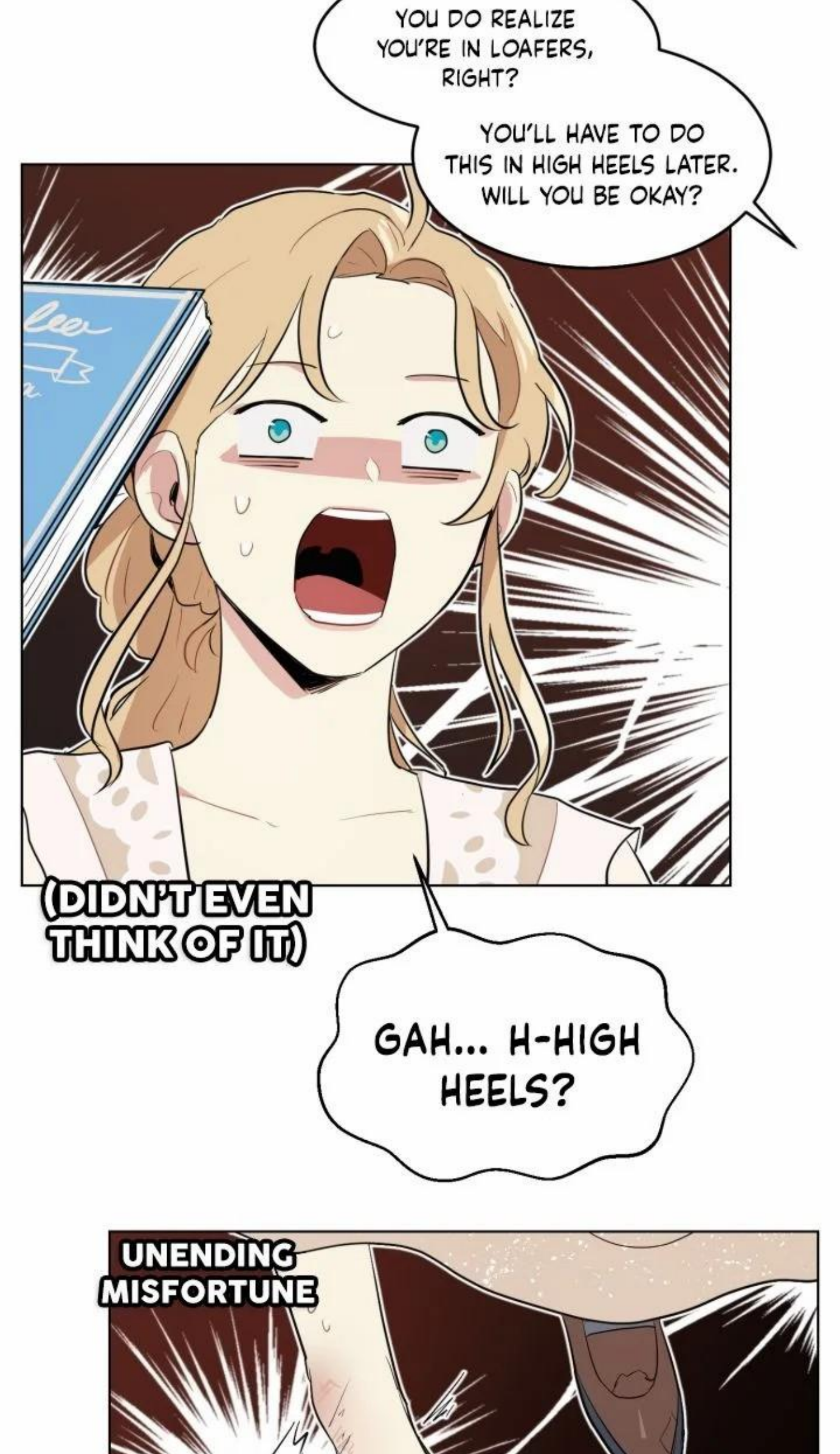




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INFINITE REPEAT









THE MOMENT OUR  
PLANS GO AWRY, WE  
NEED TO DISPOSE OF  
THE AUTHOR.

YOU KNOW  
THAT, RIGHT?

OWW...

MISS ANGELA,  
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

Y- YES.

DO IT AGAIN.

OKAY.

SO DON'T GET  
ATTACHED TO HER.

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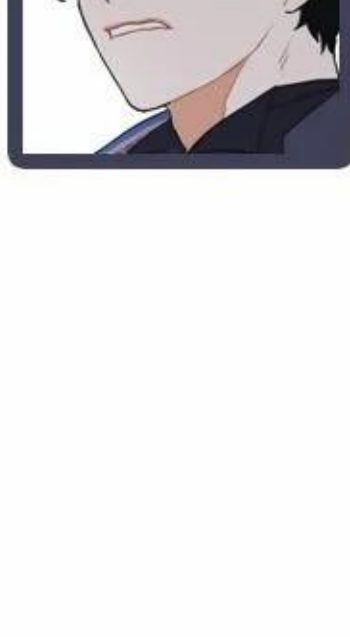
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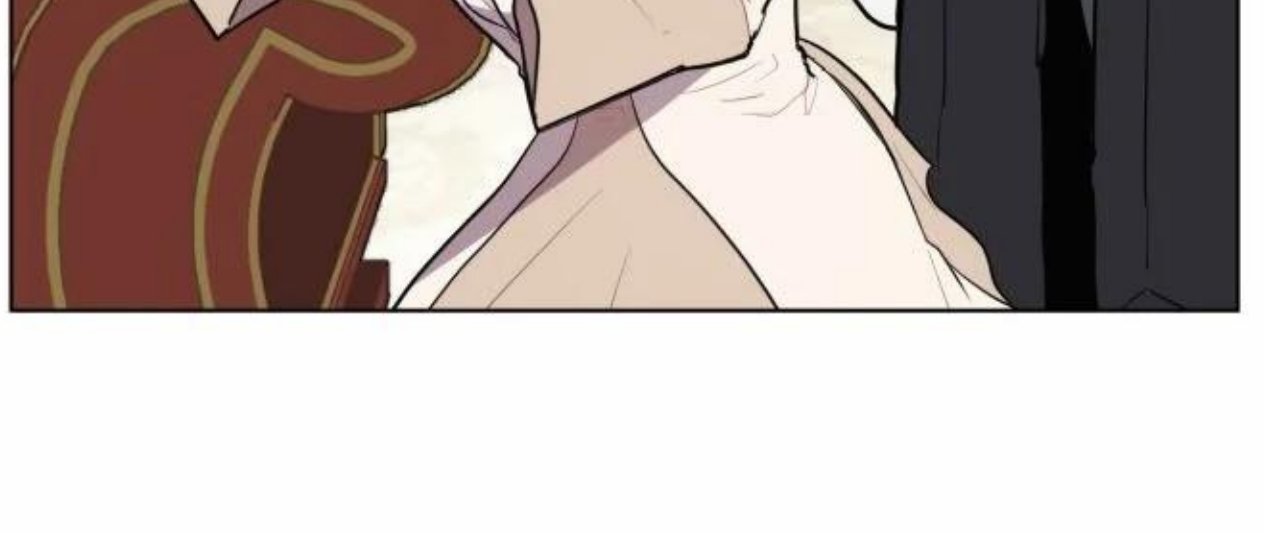
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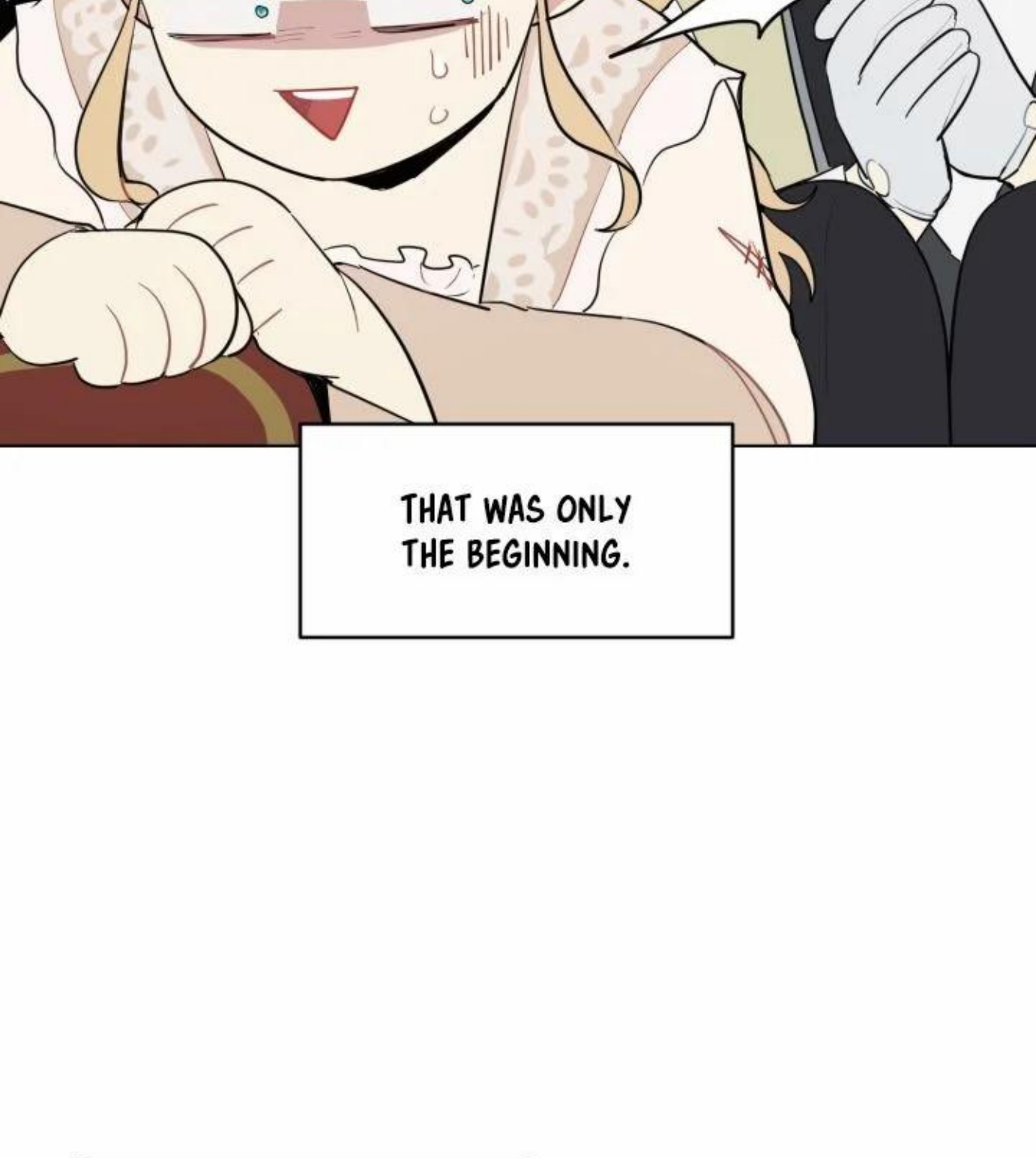
FIXING MY POSTURE  
ALONE TOOK 5 HOURS.



GOOD WORK.

CLAP CLAP

NOW, SHALL WE  
MOVE ON TO THE  
NEXT STEP?



THAT WAS ONLY  
THE BEGINNING.

LEARNING HISTORY AND GENERAL  
KNOWLEDGE FROM THE LIBRARIAN



I'M NOT VERY  
FAMILIAR WITH THIS  
AREA SINCE I CAME  
FROM VESSIA.

ETIQUETTE



BREAK TIME - WRITING



HE'S ALSO  
IN THE MIDDLE  
OF WORKING.

STUDYING



∞

...

DARK

MISS ANGELA  
ISN'T HERE YET?

WHEN WE HEAD  
OUT, I NEED TO BUY  
A PRINCE MUG.

THEY'RE ALWAYS SOLD  
OUT. WE DEFINITELY NEED  
TO BUY ONE TODAY!

I'M GOING TO  
BUY A HANDKERCHIEF  
AS WELL~

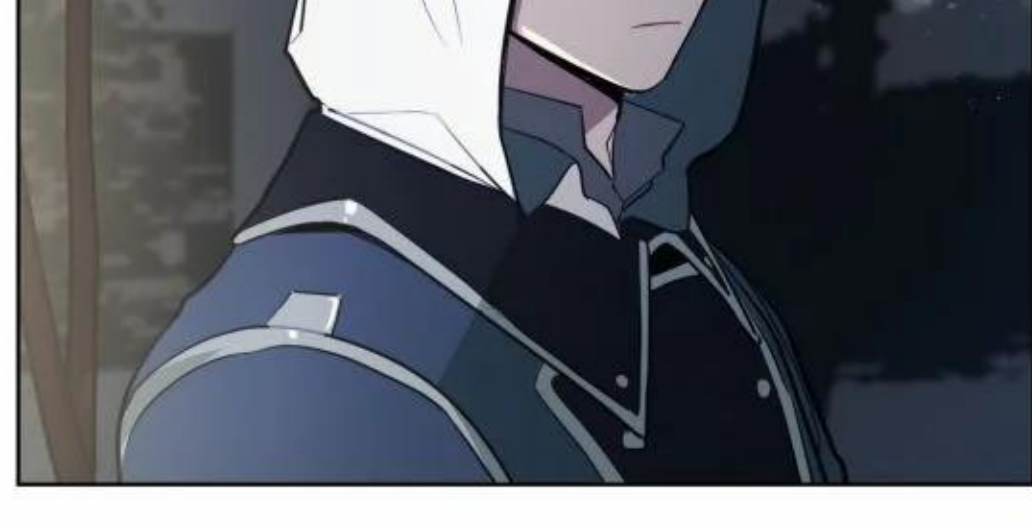
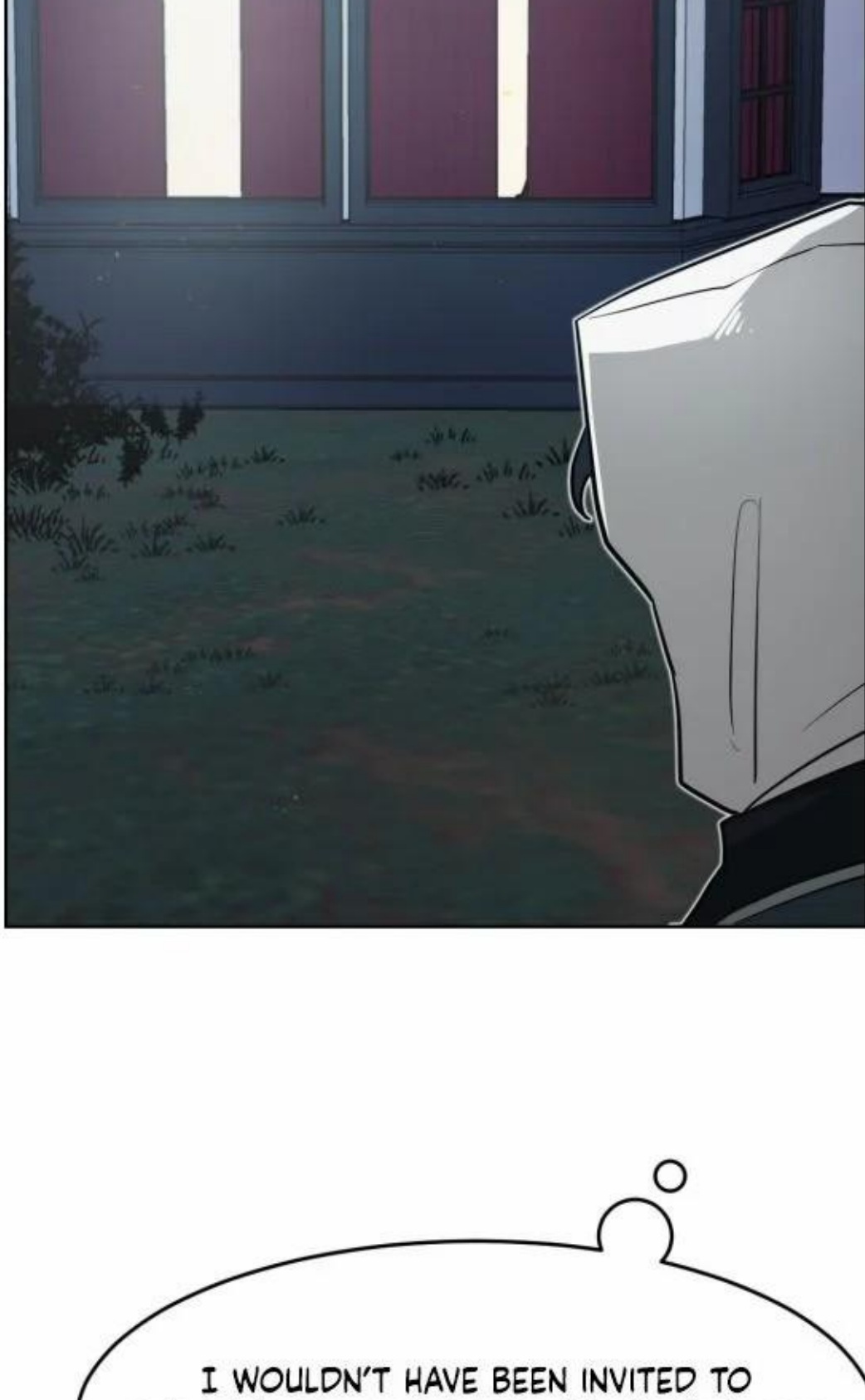
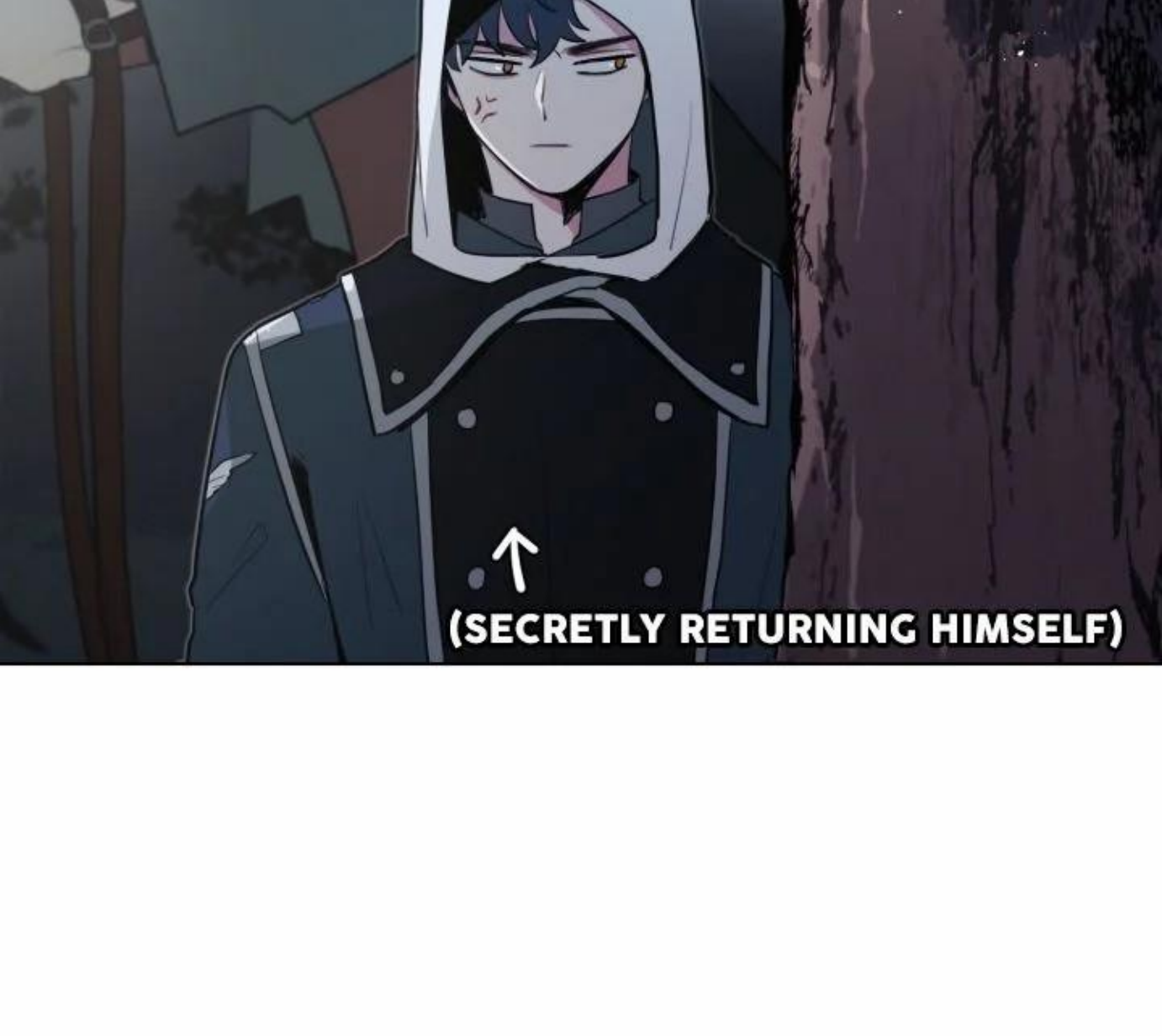
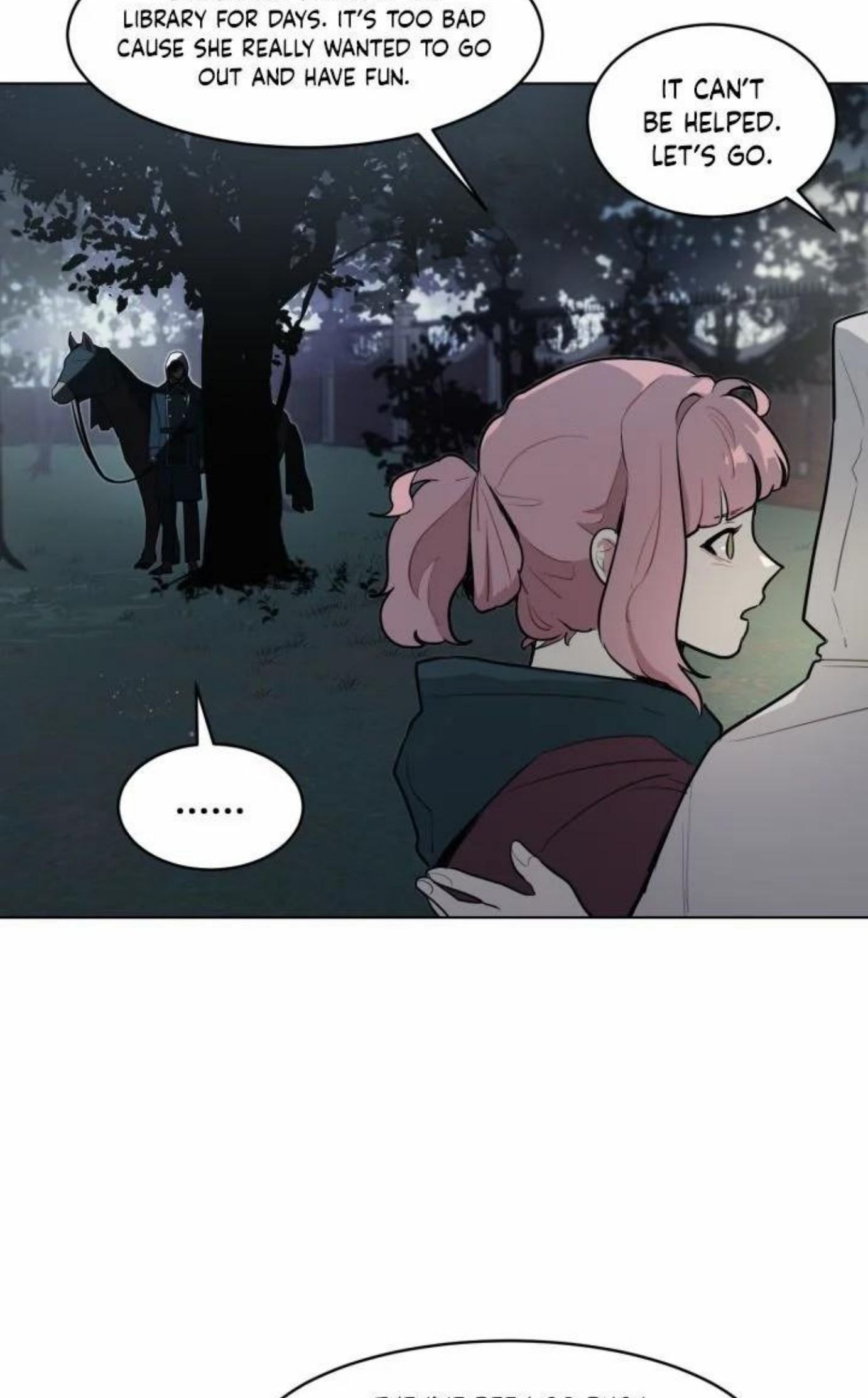


WHERE'S  
MISS ANGELA,  
LIZZIE?

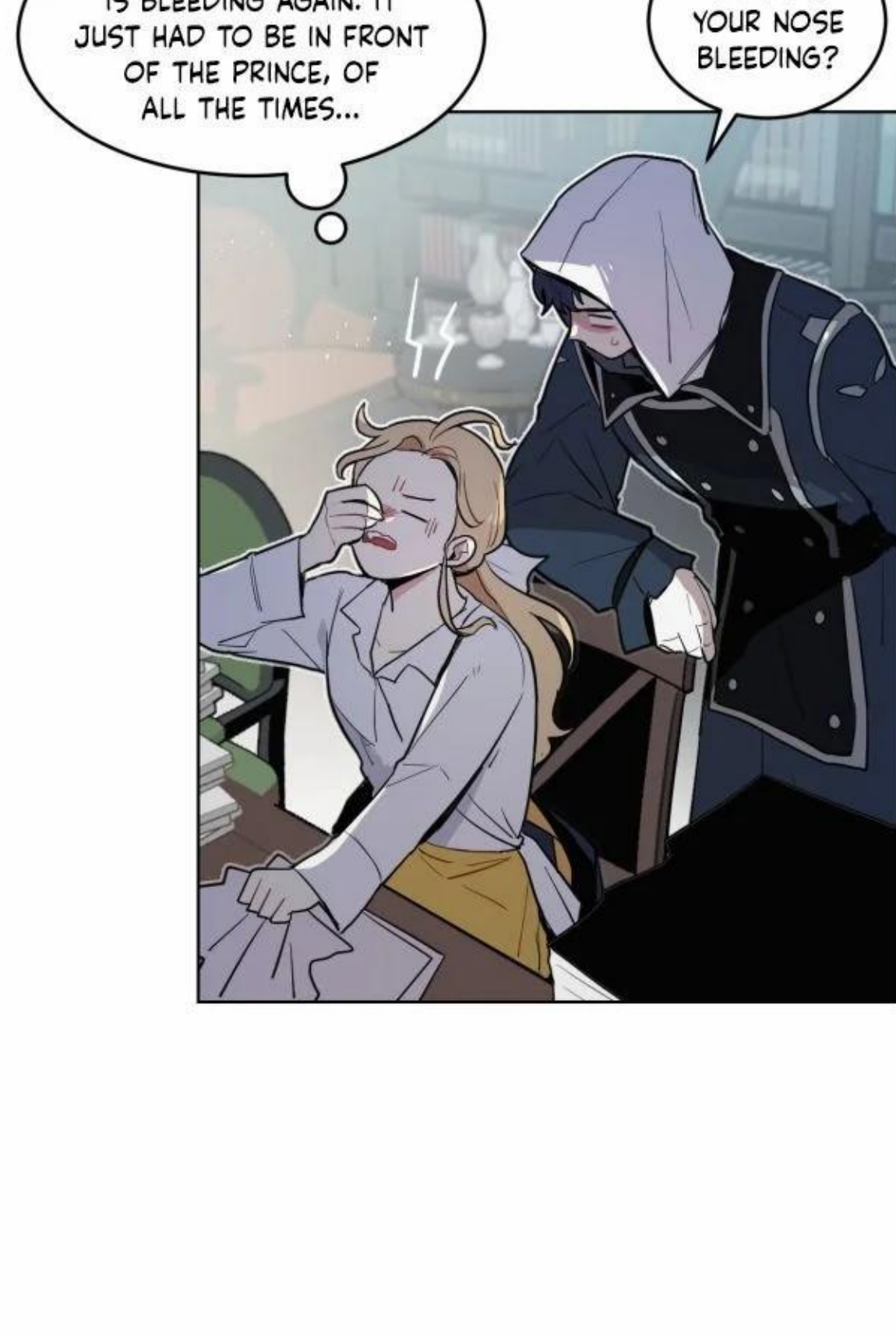
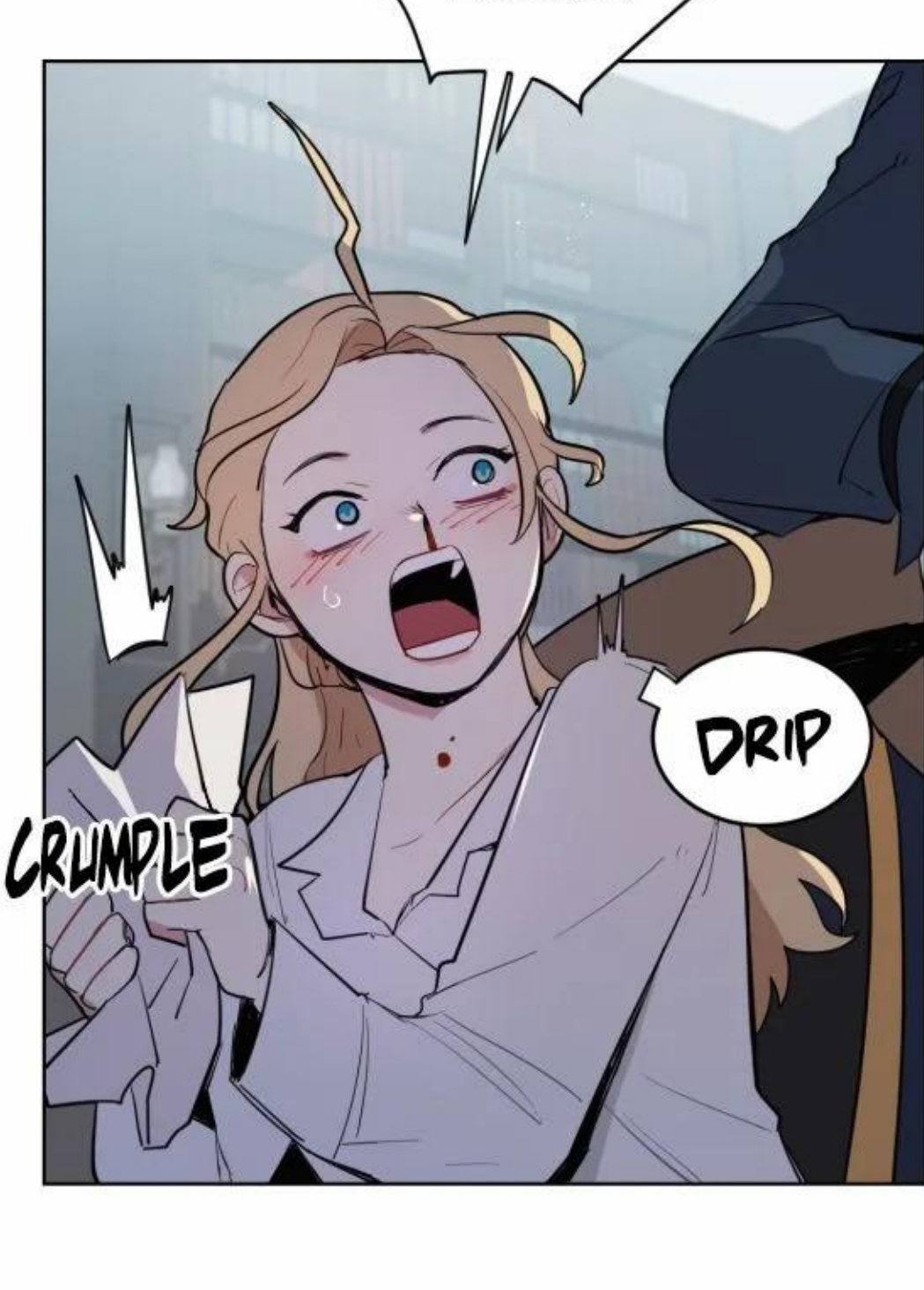
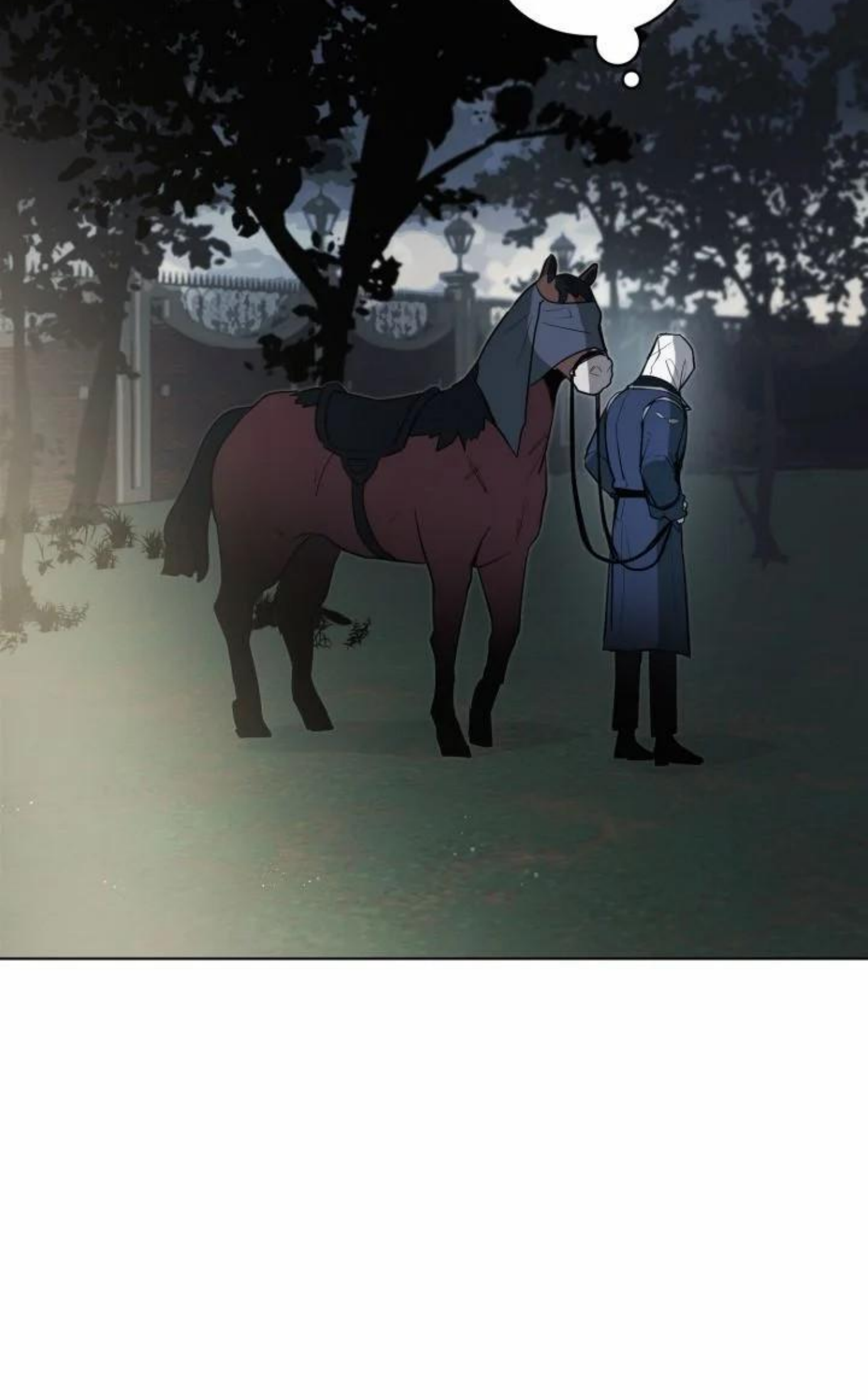
SHE'S BUSY TODAY  
AGAIN, SO SHE TOLD US  
TO GO WITHOUT HER.

AGAIN?











YOU MUST BE BUSY  
AS WELL, BUT YOU CAME ALL  
THIS WAY TO THE LIBRARY...  
AREN'T YOU TIRED?

NO RESPONSE

💧

Since it's a  
banquet  
I wanna dance too  
but I probably won't  
get a chance

YOU'VE BEEN SITTING  
INSIDE READING BOOKS  
ALL DAY. NO WONDER YOU  
GOT A NOSEBLEED.

GET UP.

GRAB

IT'S ALRIGHT. EVEN  
WHEN I TRY TO SLEEP,  
MY CONSCIENCE JUST  
WON'T LET ME...

YOU SHOULD  
TURN IN FIR-

ACK

TI

HURRY UP  
BEFORE I  
LET GO.

LT

WHAT?!

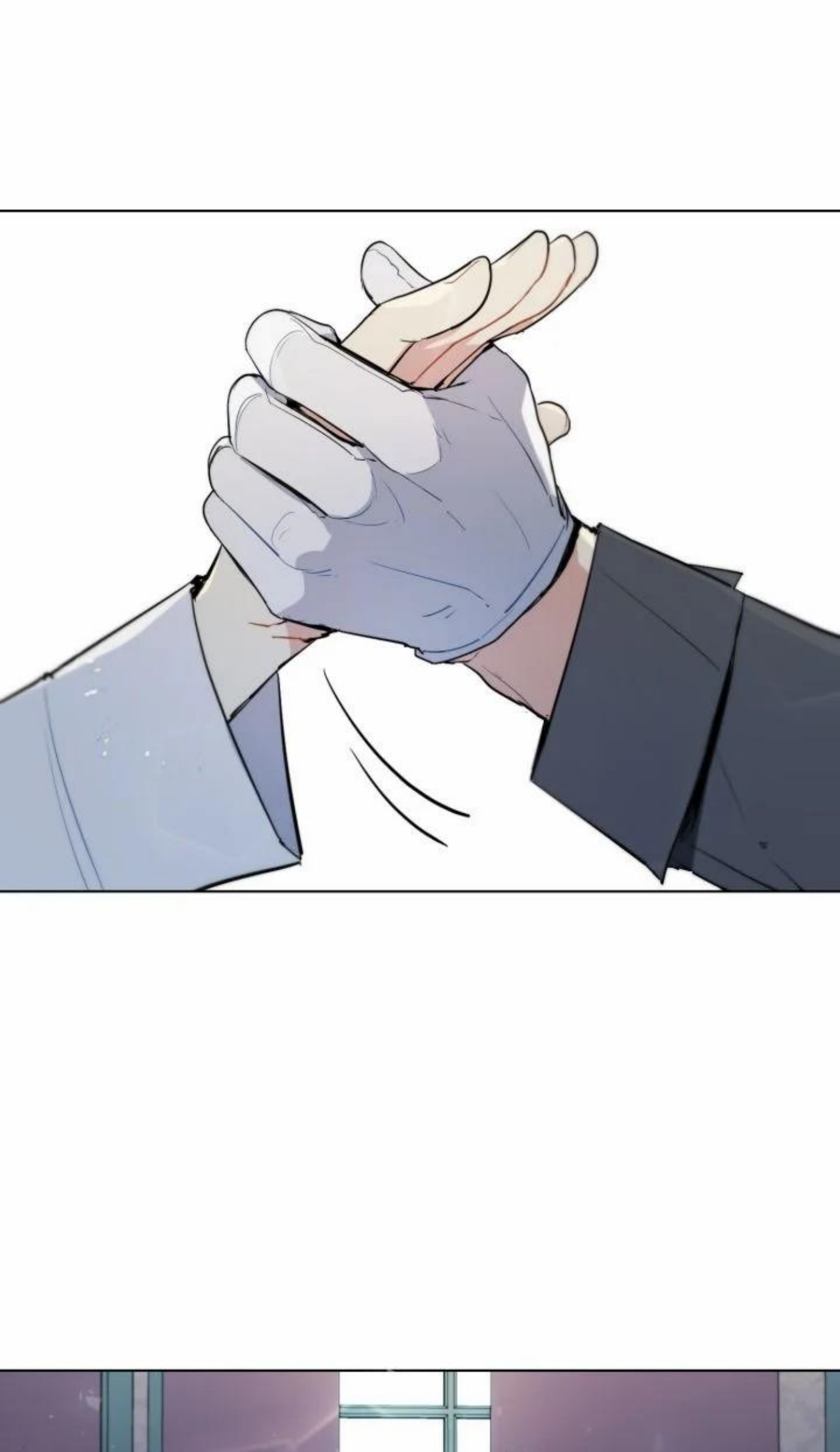
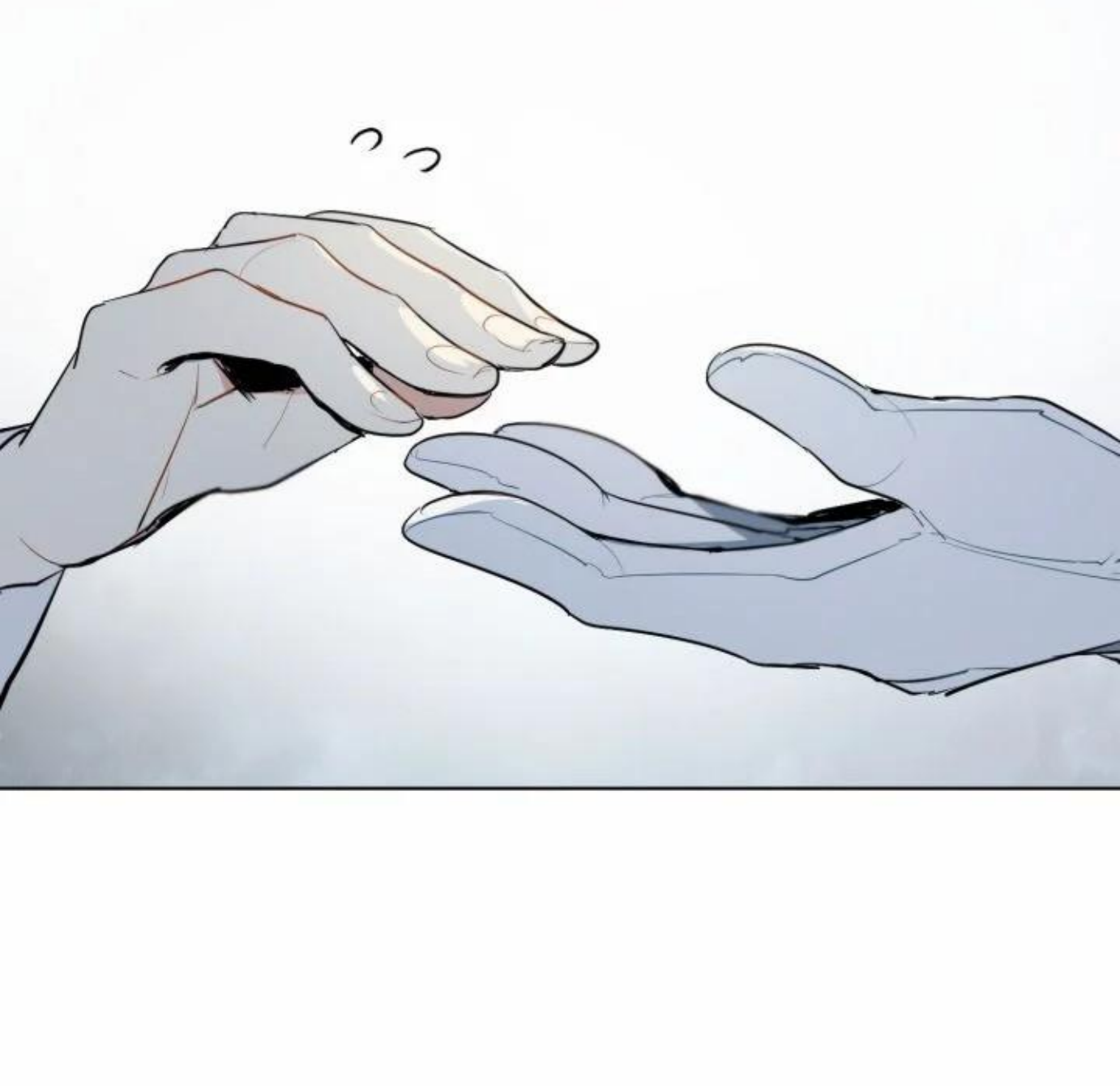
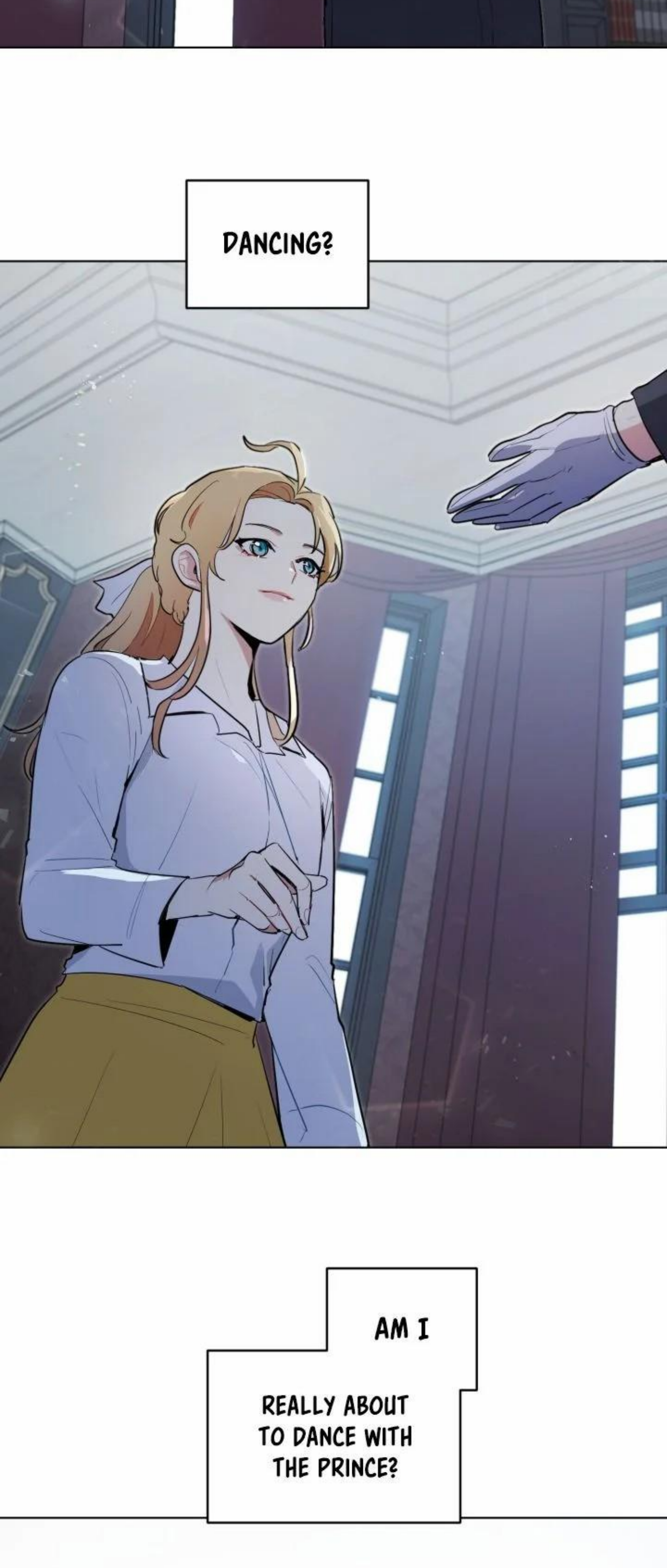
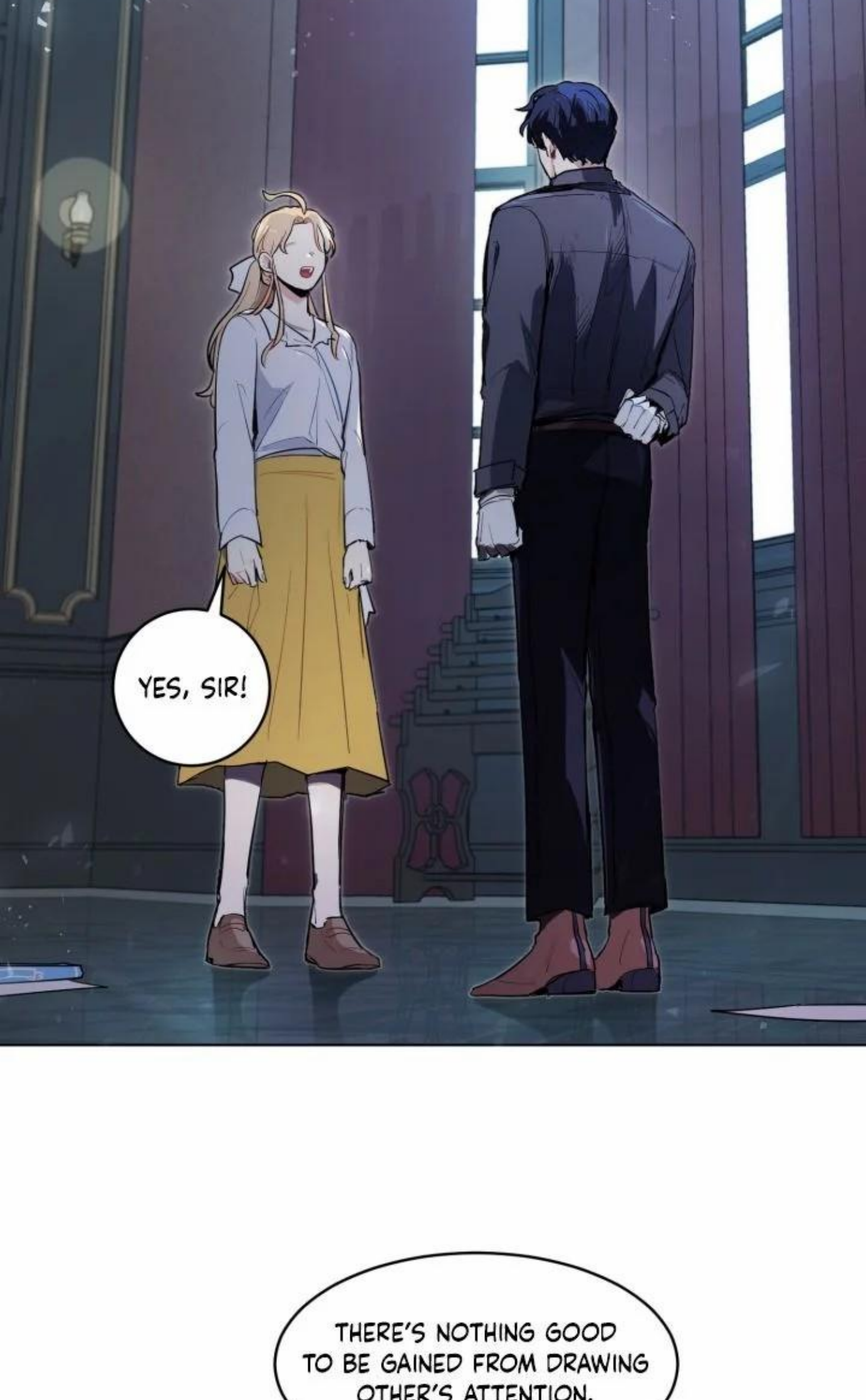
SINCE YOU  
SHOULD STRETCH,

I'LL TEACH YOU  
HOW TO DANCE.

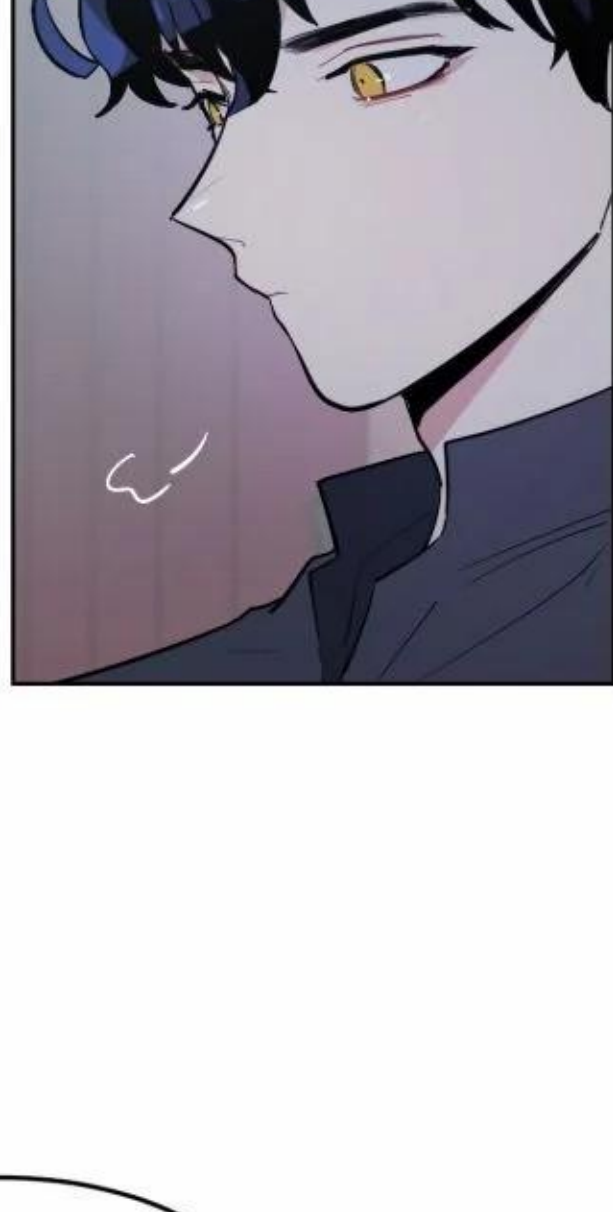
DA...NCE?

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입덕  
합니다









**STOMP**



**STOMP**



WHAT IS THIS? SOME KIND OF GAME WHERE I'M SUPPOSED TO DODGE HER STOMPING FEET? WHY IS SHE DOING THIS?

THIS IS GETTING AWKWARD. I'M AT A TOTAL LOSS.



IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE DANCED, LET ALONE LED WITH ONE HAND...

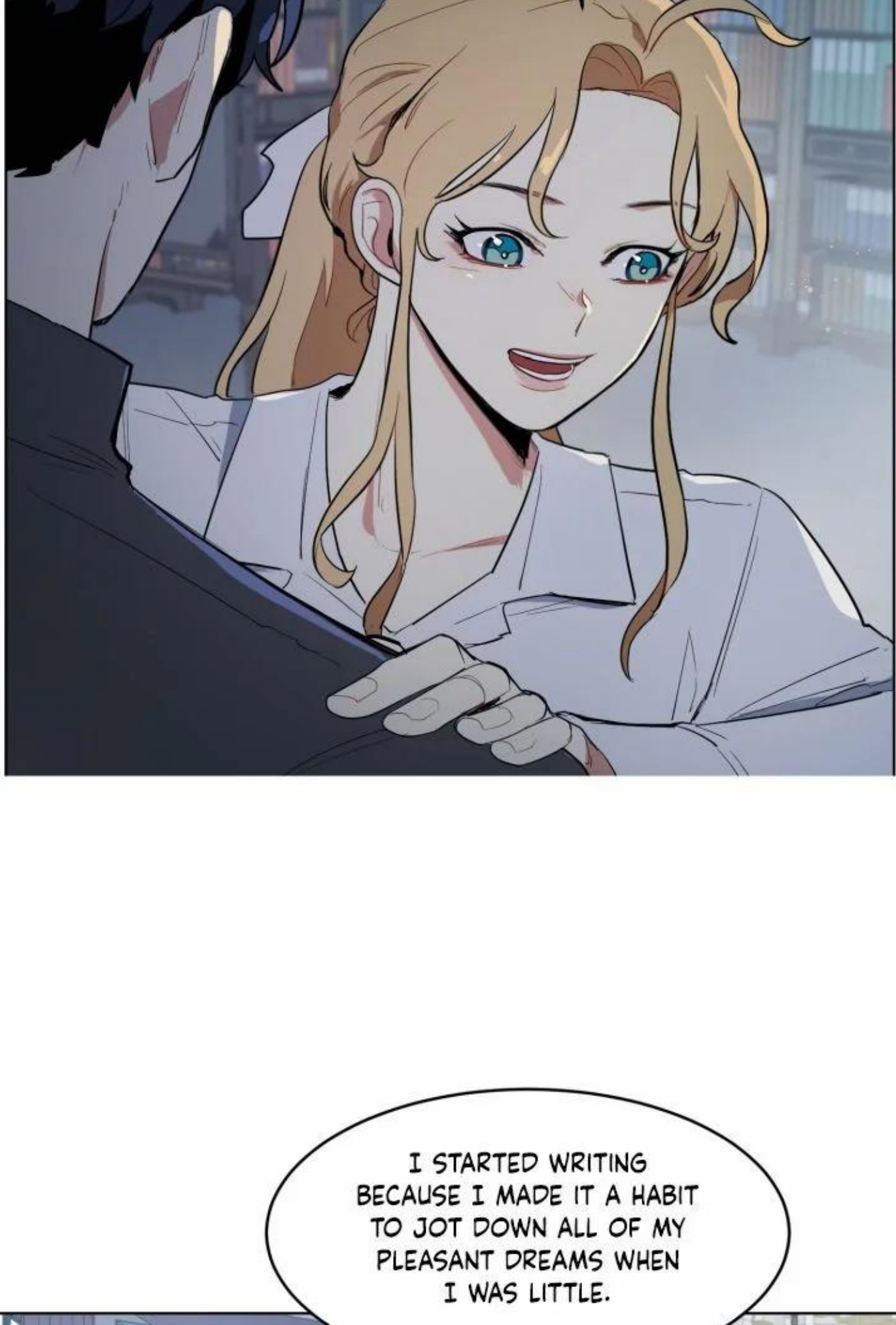


THE PRINCE IS WATCHING MY FEET TOO.



THIS IS FUNNY TO YOU? WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING?

IT'S JUST... I WAS JUST THINKING THAT I WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE NOVEL.



I STARTED WRITING BECAUSE I MADE IT A HABIT TO JOT DOWN ALL OF MY PLEASANT DREAMS WHEN I WAS LITTLE.

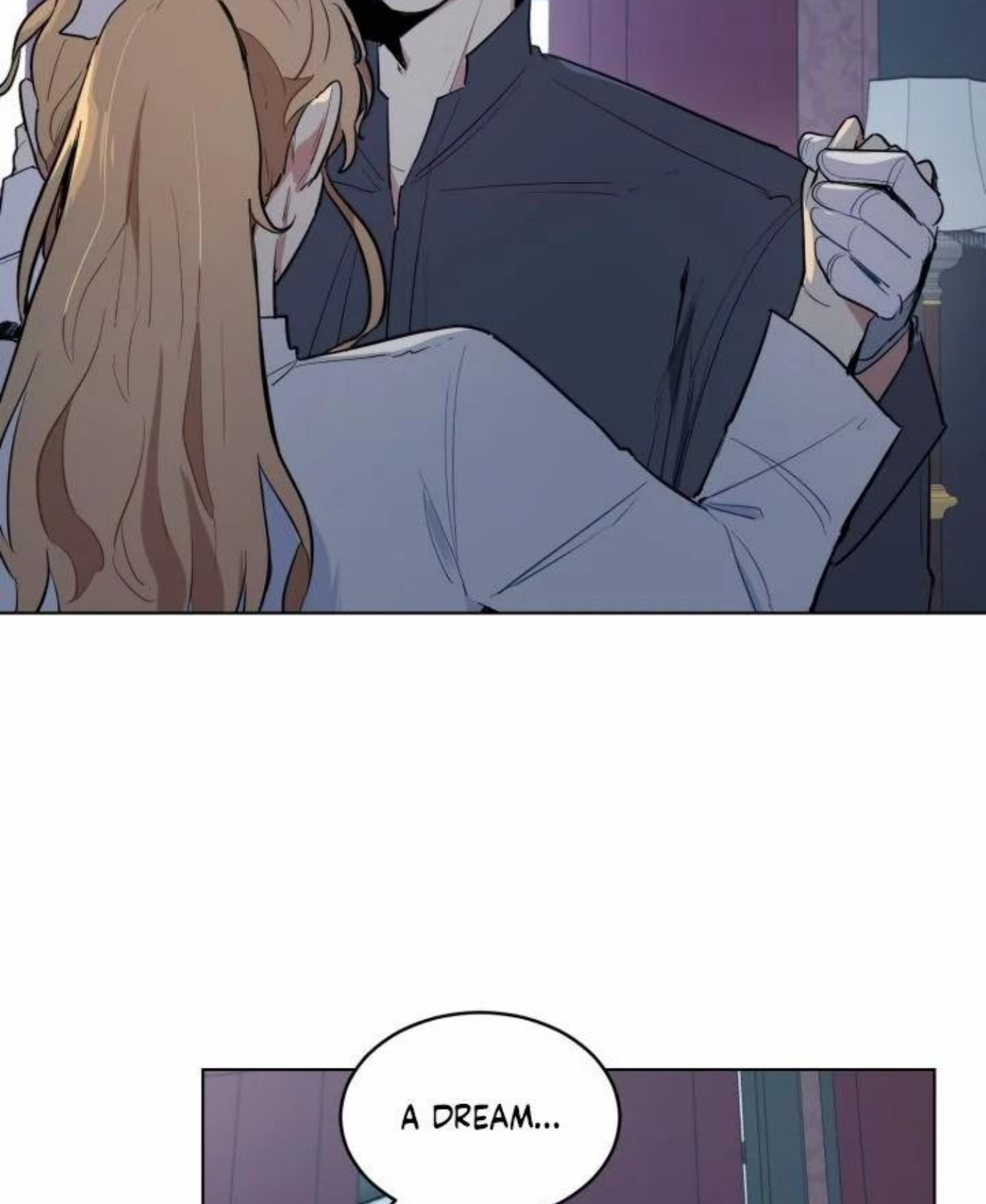
I DIDN'T WANT TO FORGET THEM, YOU SEE.



THAT'S HOW I ENDED UP WRITING ABOUT YOU.

EVER SINCE I CAME HERE,

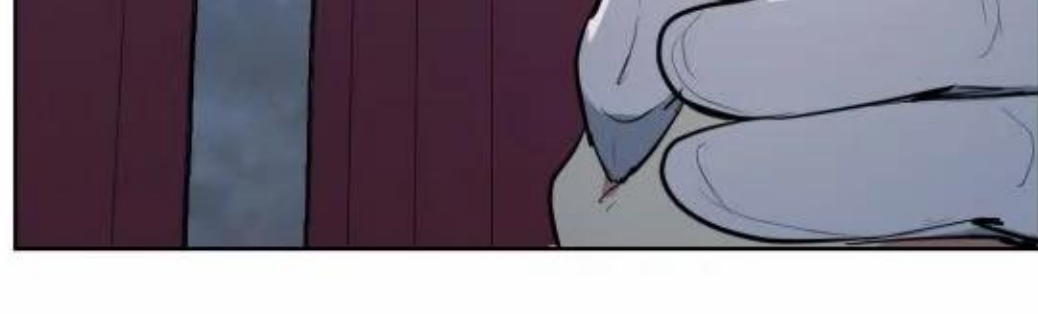
IT FEELS LIKE I'VE BEEN LIVING IN A DREAM.



A DREAM...







OH, EXCEPT FOR THAT INCIDENT. THIS IS MY CHANCE FOR REVENGE!

**STOMP**



OH YEAH, THAT HAPPENED TOO.

OH MY, I'M SO SORRY. IT'S JUST SO HARD TO SEE.

HAH? WOULD YOU LOOK AT THIS.



SO SHE'S RELAXED A BIT NOW, IS THAT IT.



I'M USING BOTH HANDS NOW. SO THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY MORE MISTAKES.

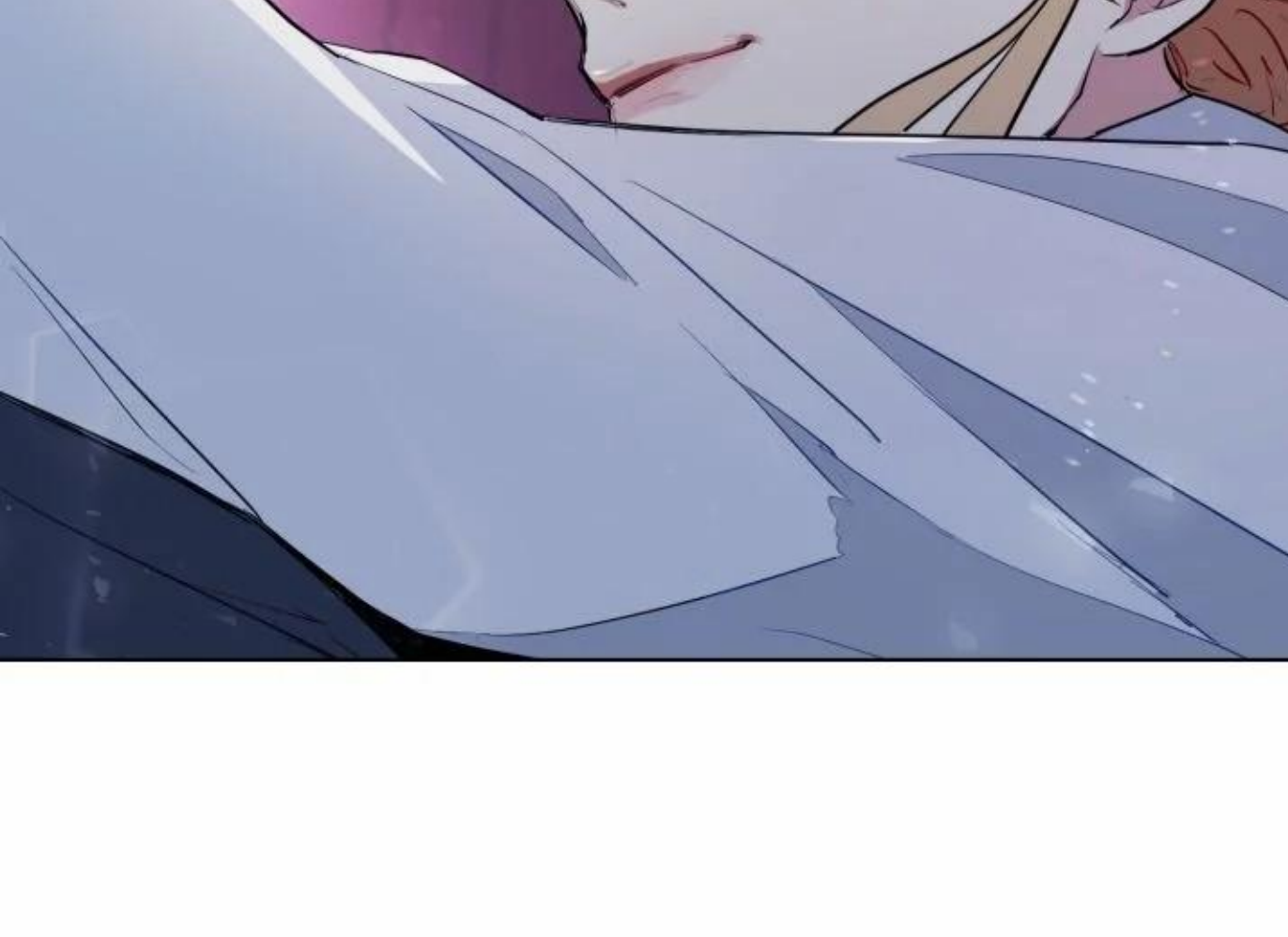
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IF YOU STEP ON MY FEET AGAIN, YOU'RE DEFINITELY DOING IT ON PURPOSE AND I'M GOING TO STOP.



FOCUS.







HIS MOVEMENTS  
ACTUALLY CHANGED? I  
CAN'T STEP ON HIS FEET  
EVEN IF I TRY TO...



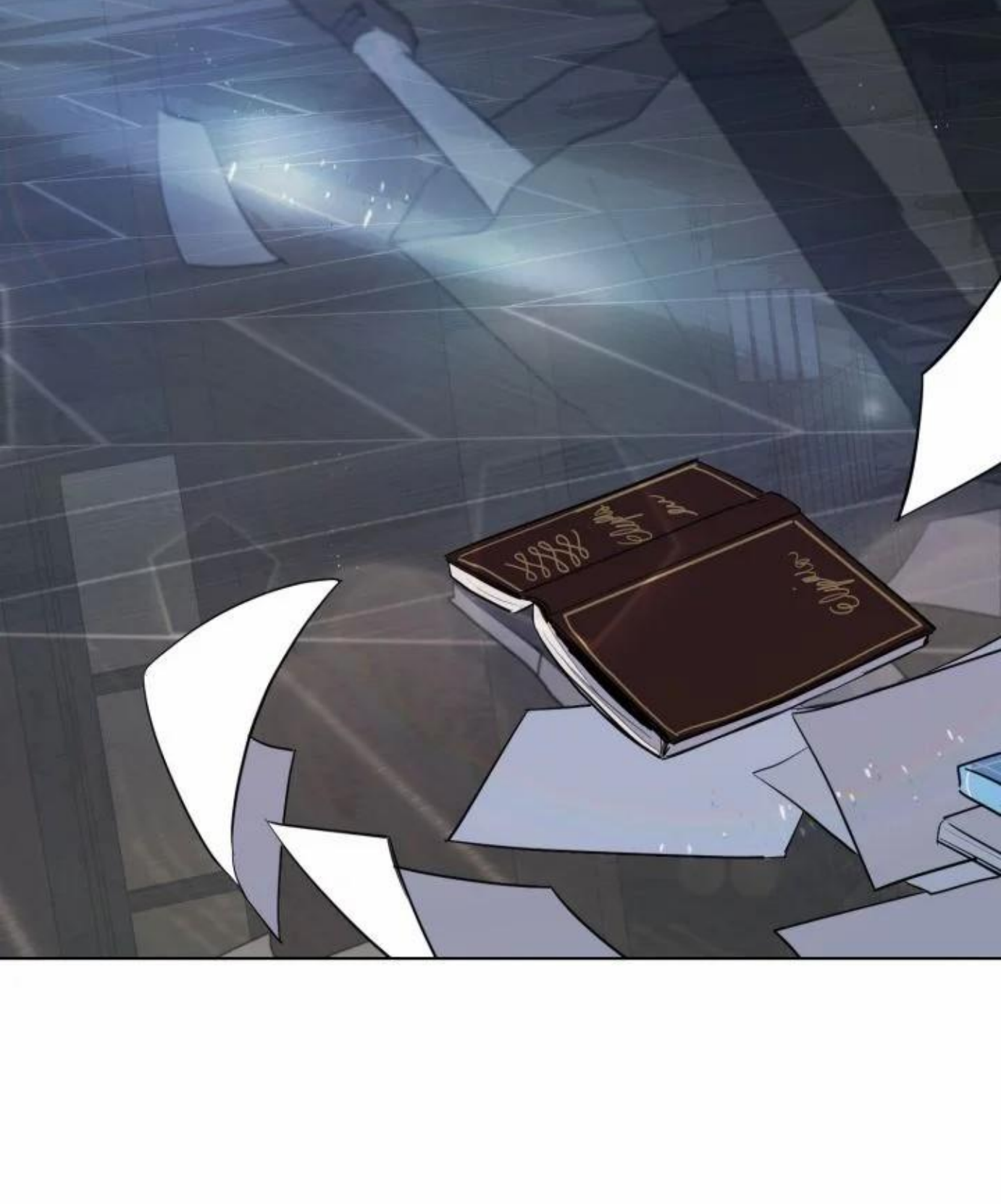
DIDN'T I  
TELL YOU NOT TO  
LOOK DOWN?



A SIGNAL?



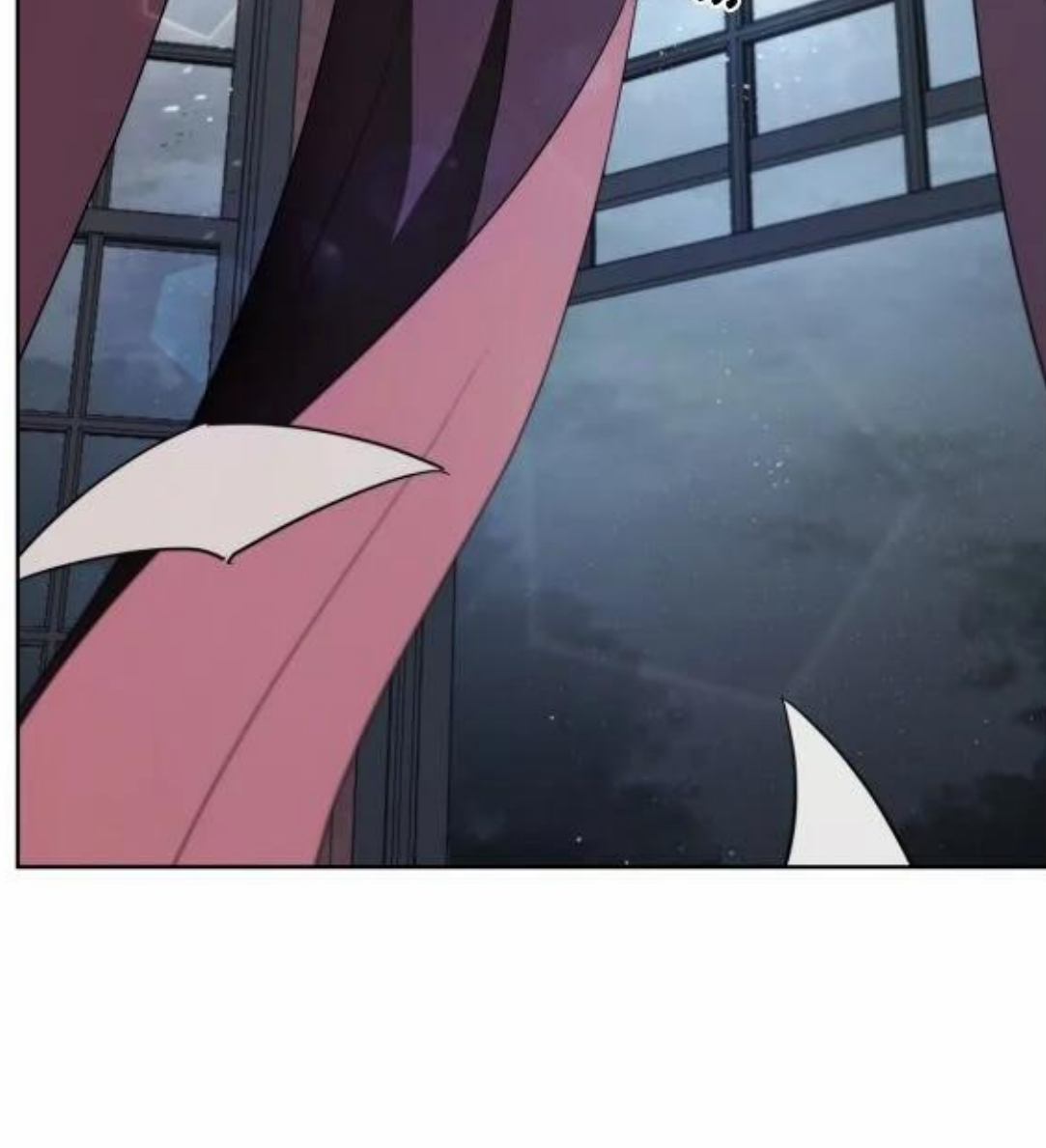
IF YOU DON'T SAY  
ANYTHING, HOW AM I  
SUPPOSED TO...







TWIRL

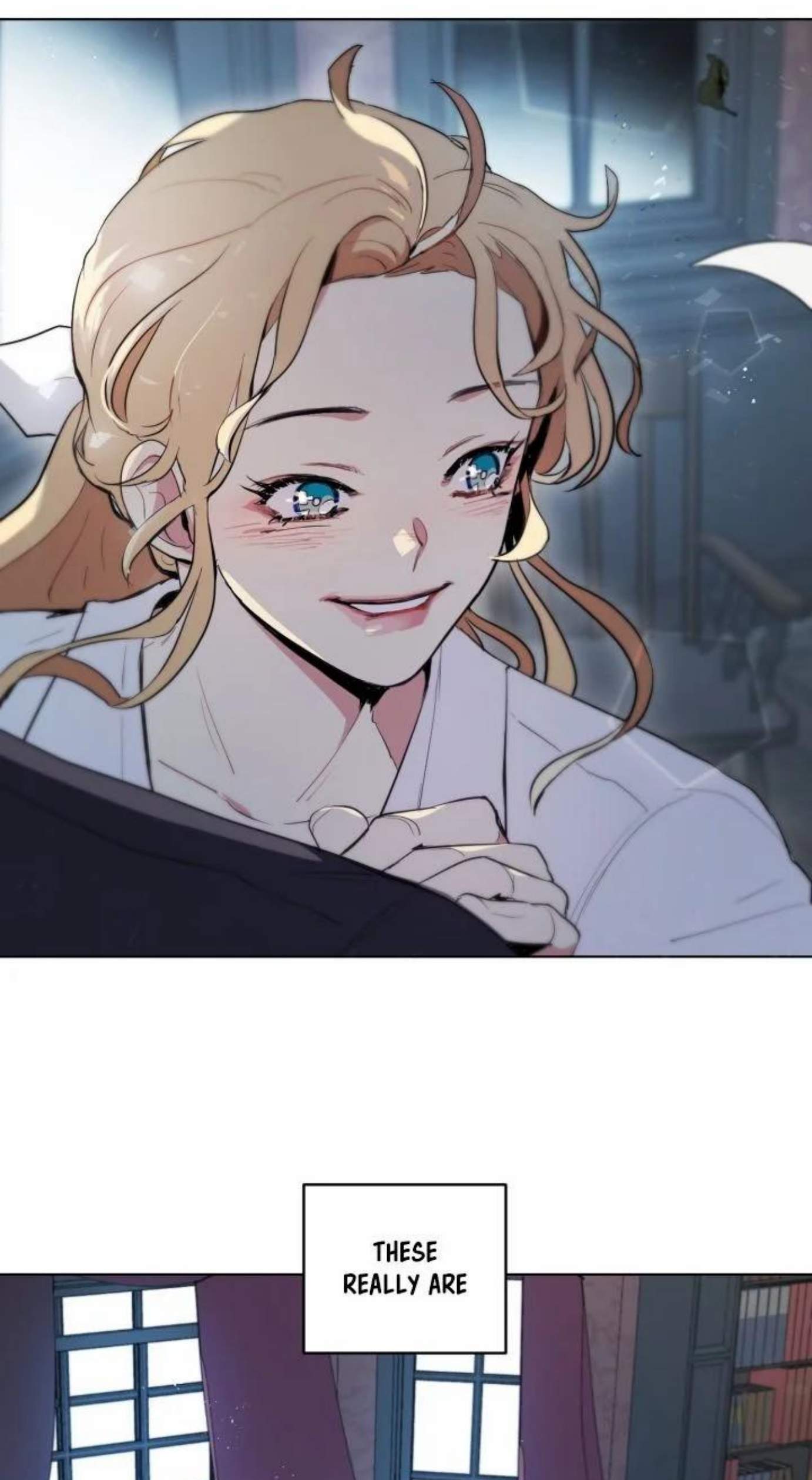


AND  
PAUSE.

TAP

GOOD,  
YOU'RE FOLLOWING  
MY LEAD WELL.

THIS ISN'T  
A DREAM.



THESE  
REALLY ARE



SUCH WONDERFUL DAYS.

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LOOK OVER THERE.  
IT'S LUDEXT EMPIRE'S  
MAIN CASTLE.

AH.

THE SKY IN THE  
KINGDOM OF LUDEXT  
WAS SO HIGH,

I DIDN'T DARE  
HAVE THE COURAGE  
TO LOOK UP.

YOU'RE  
CRYING AGAIN.  
POOR THING...

I'D HEARD  
THE CROWN PRINCE  
OF LUDEXT WAS

A PERSON SURROUNDED BY  
DARK RUMORS AS DEEP AS  
THE COLOR OF HIS HAIR.

WE'VE ARRIVED,  
PRINCESS.

I WAS SCARED

OF THE DAY THAT I,  
A PRINCESS FROM A  
SMALL KINGDOM,

WAS TO BE ENGAGED TO  
THE CROWN PRINCE OF LUDEXT  
TO FORM AN ALLIANCE.

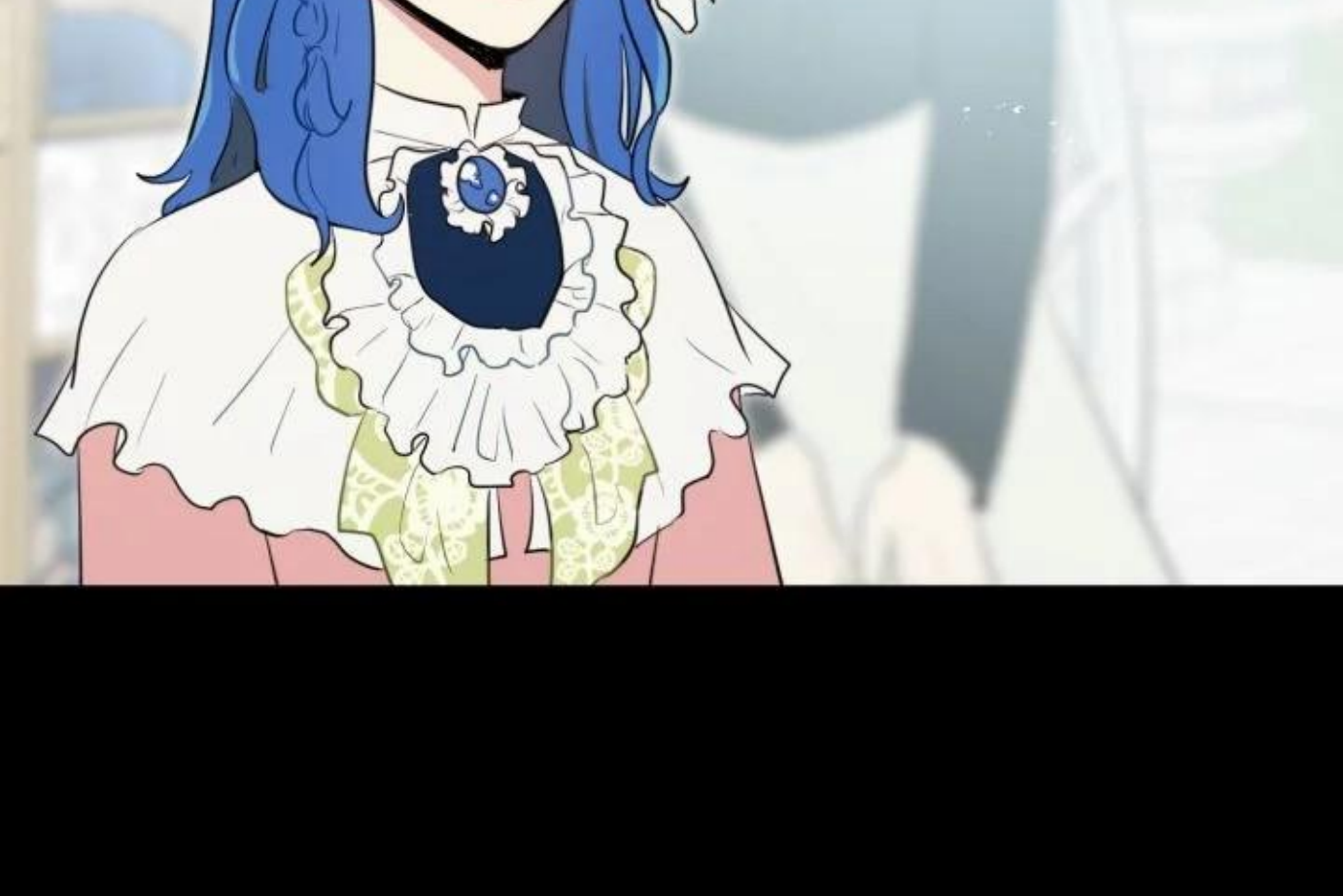
I FEARED THE  
DARKNESS...







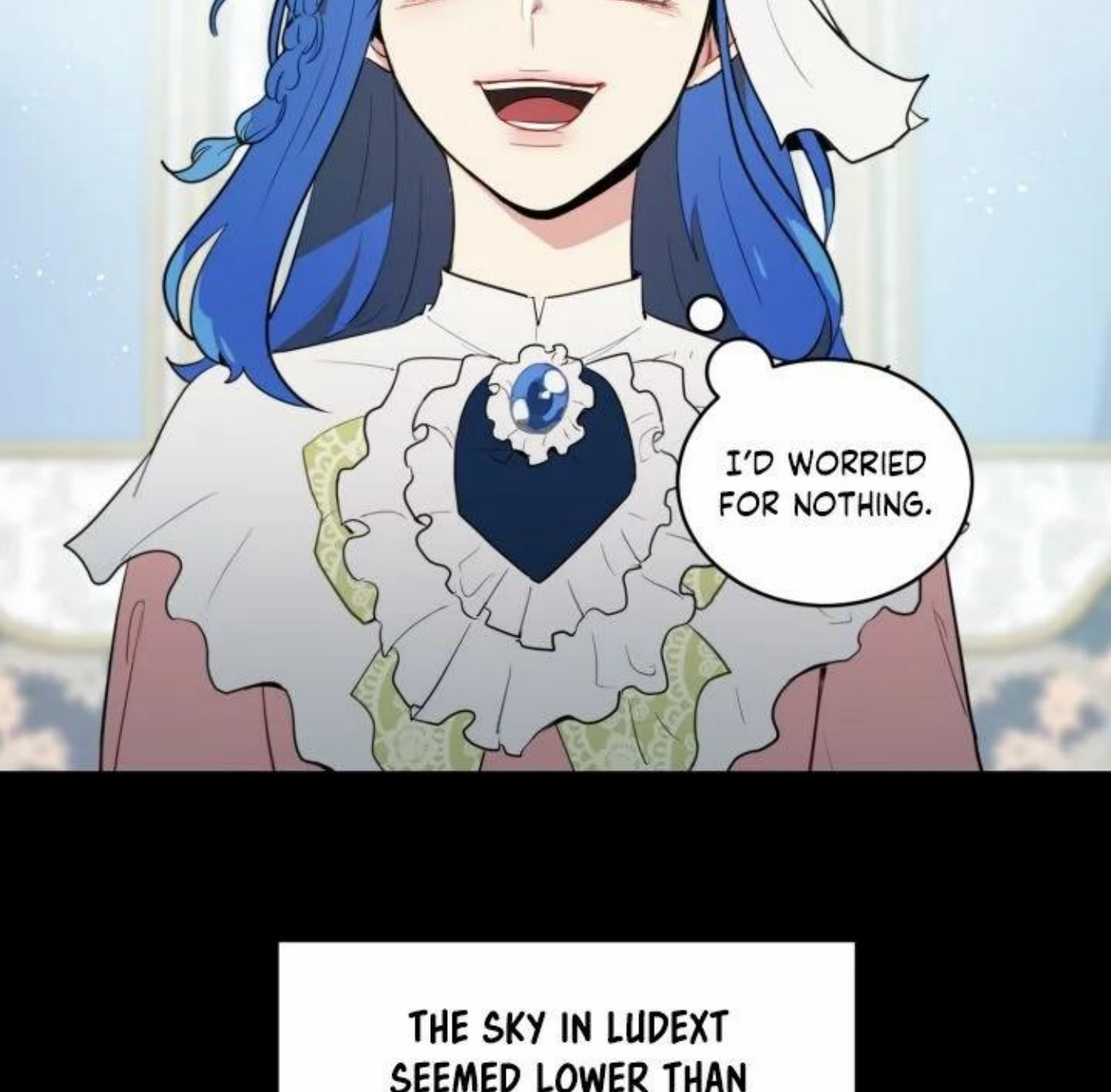
BUT ON  
THAT DAY,



WHITE,  
AND  
GENTLE...

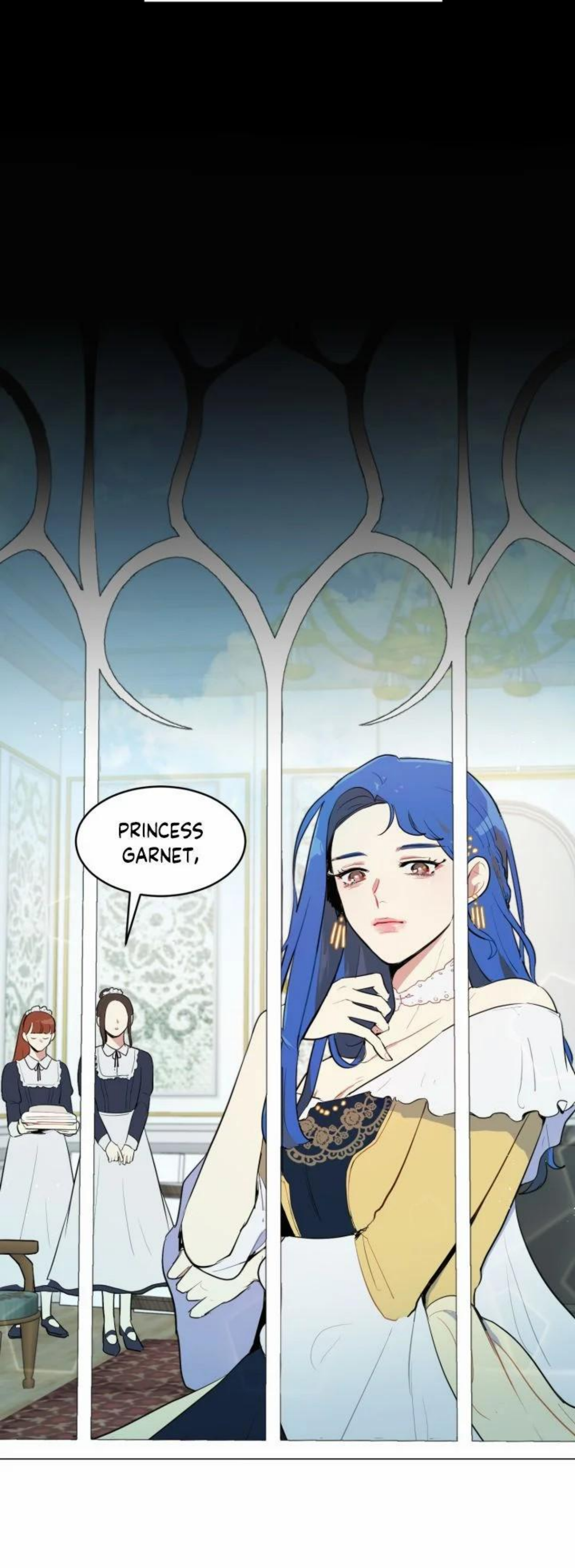


IT'S AN HONOR  
TO MEET YOU.



I'D WORRIED  
FOR NOTHING.

THE SKY IN LUDEXT  
SEEMED LOWER THAN  
EVER THAT DAY.



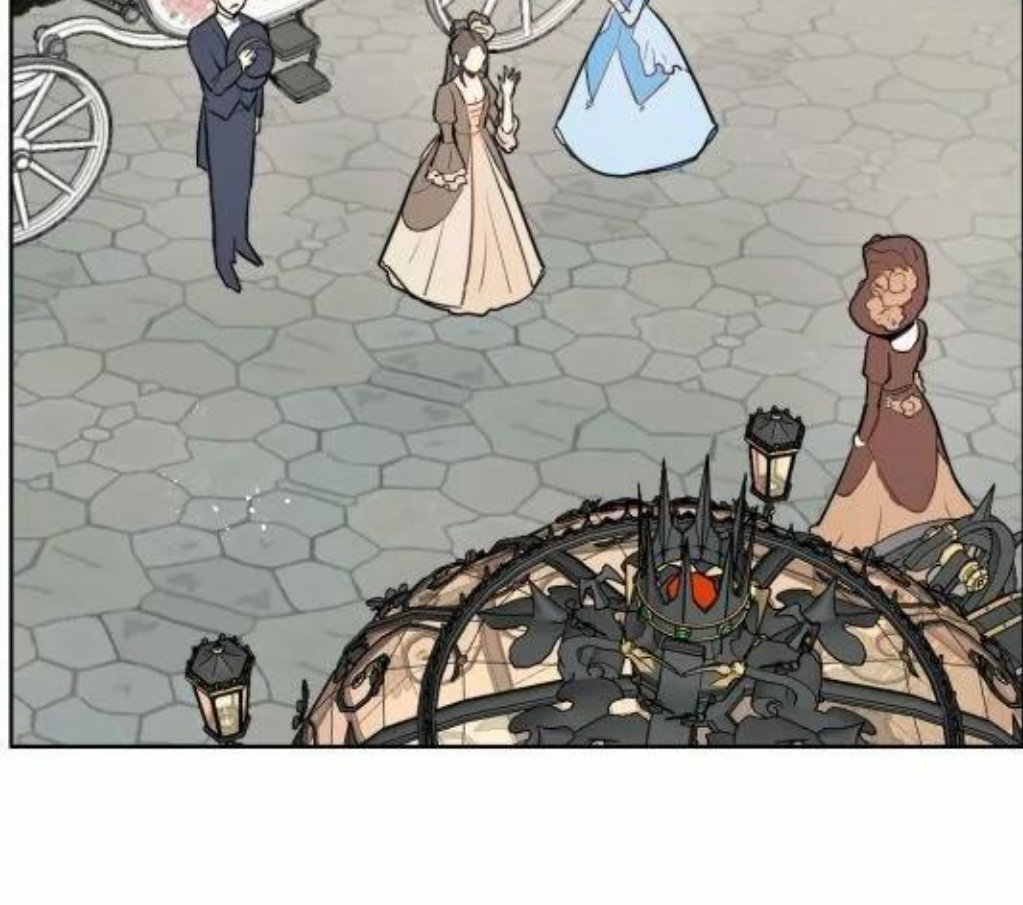
PRINCESS  
GARNET,

THE TEA PARTY  
IS STARTING.



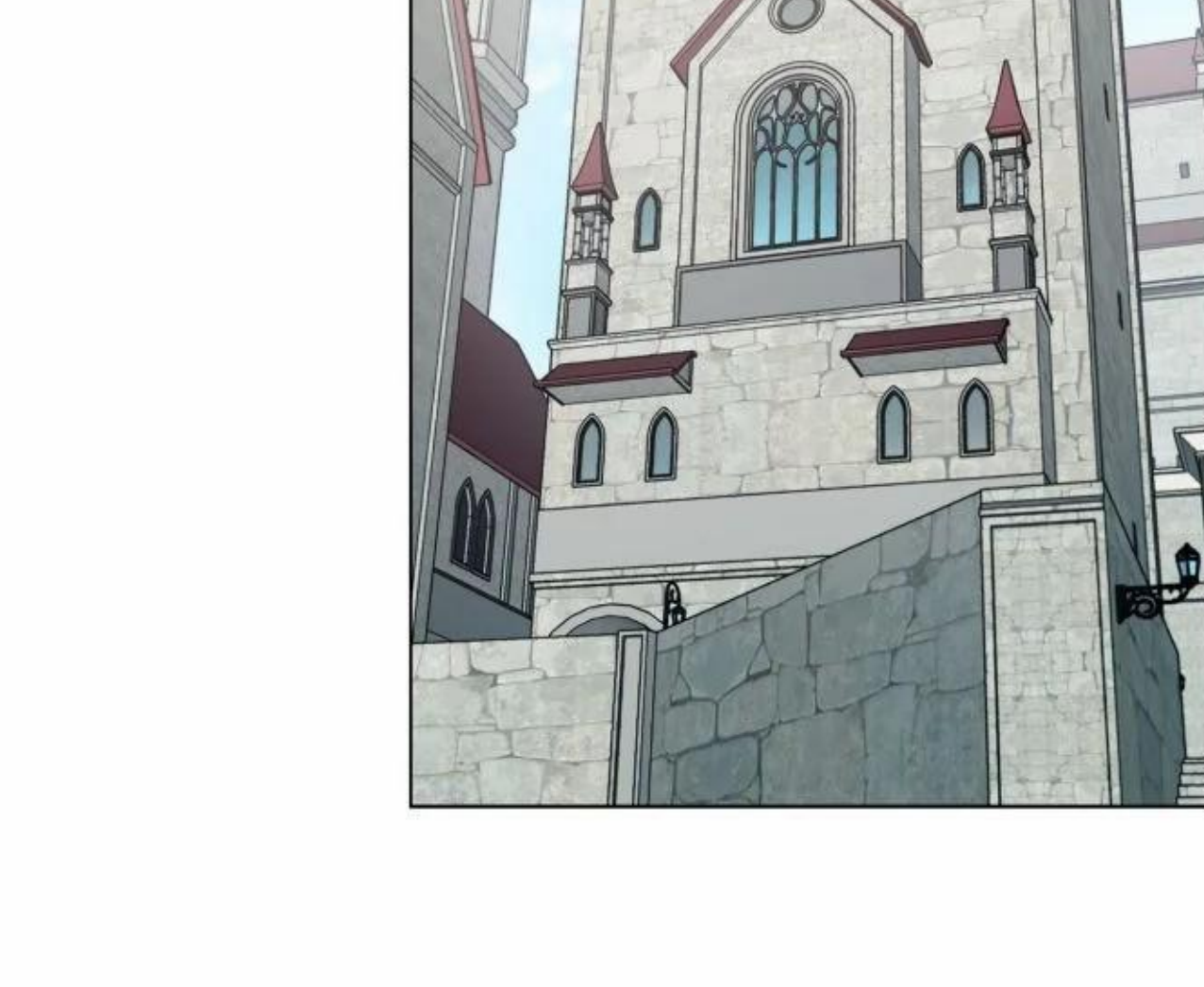
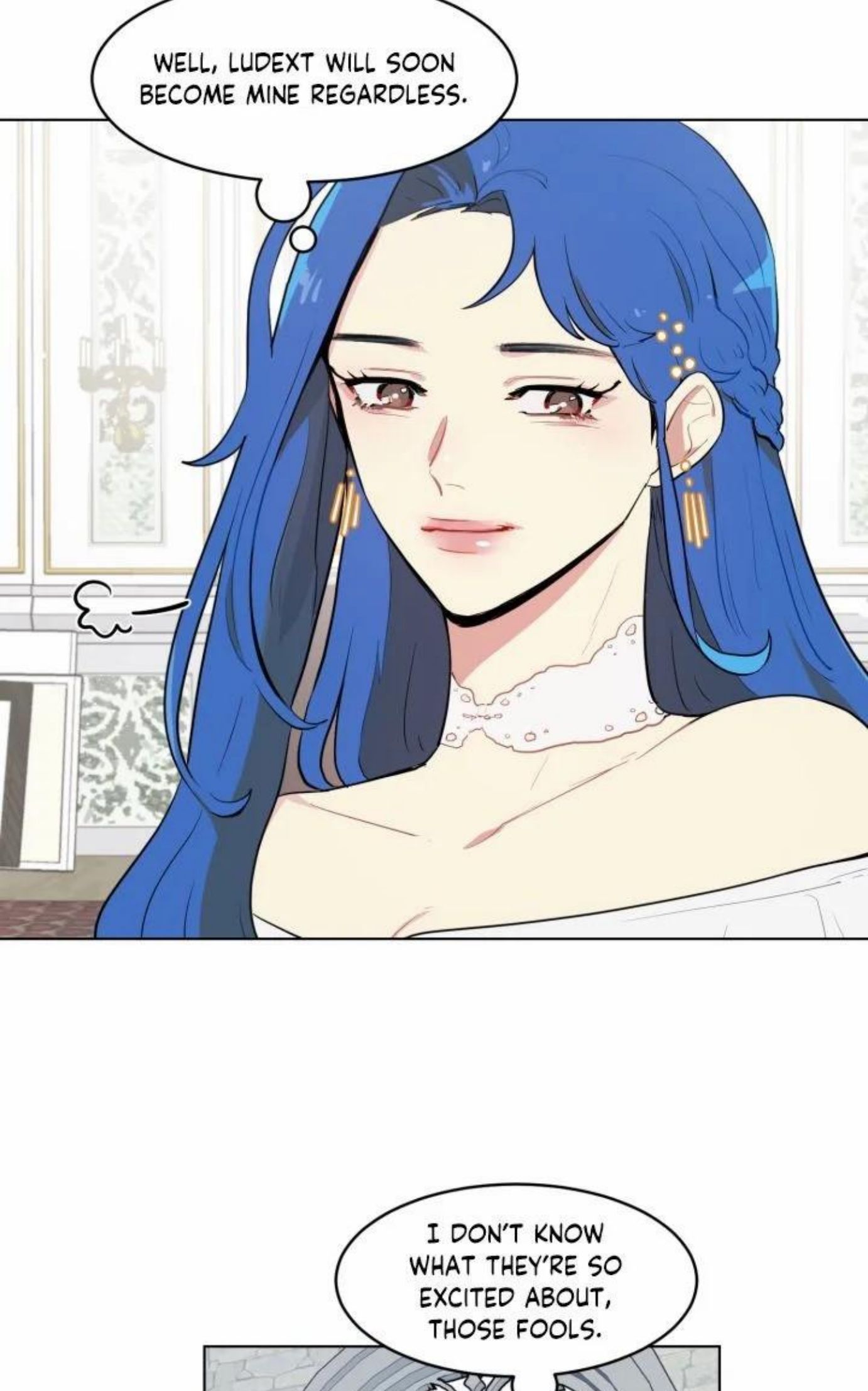
...ALRIGHT.

I KEEP SAYING  
TO CALL ME CROWN  
PRINCESS.



LOOK AT THEM,  
TRYING THEIR HARDEST  
TO DRESS UP.

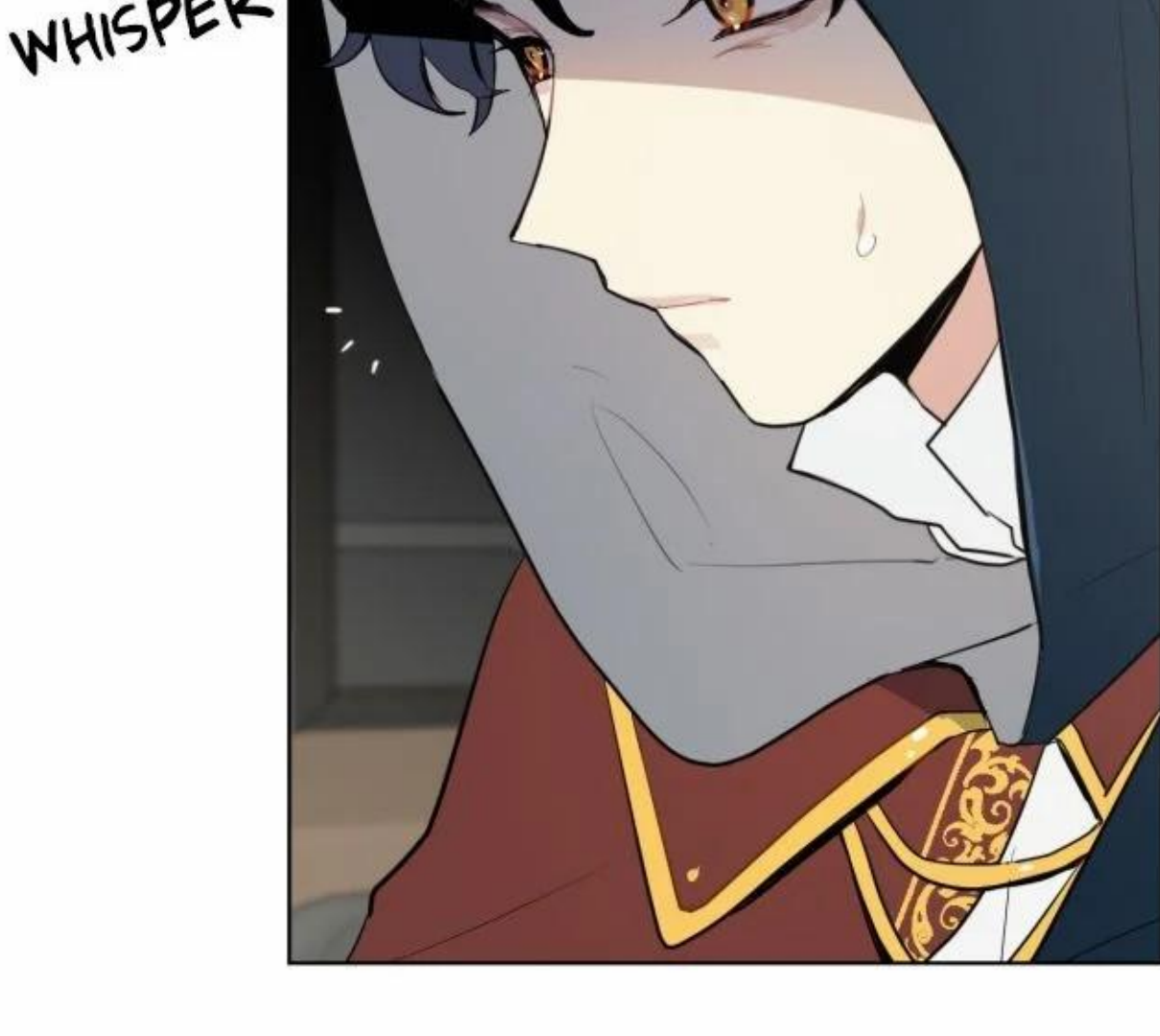
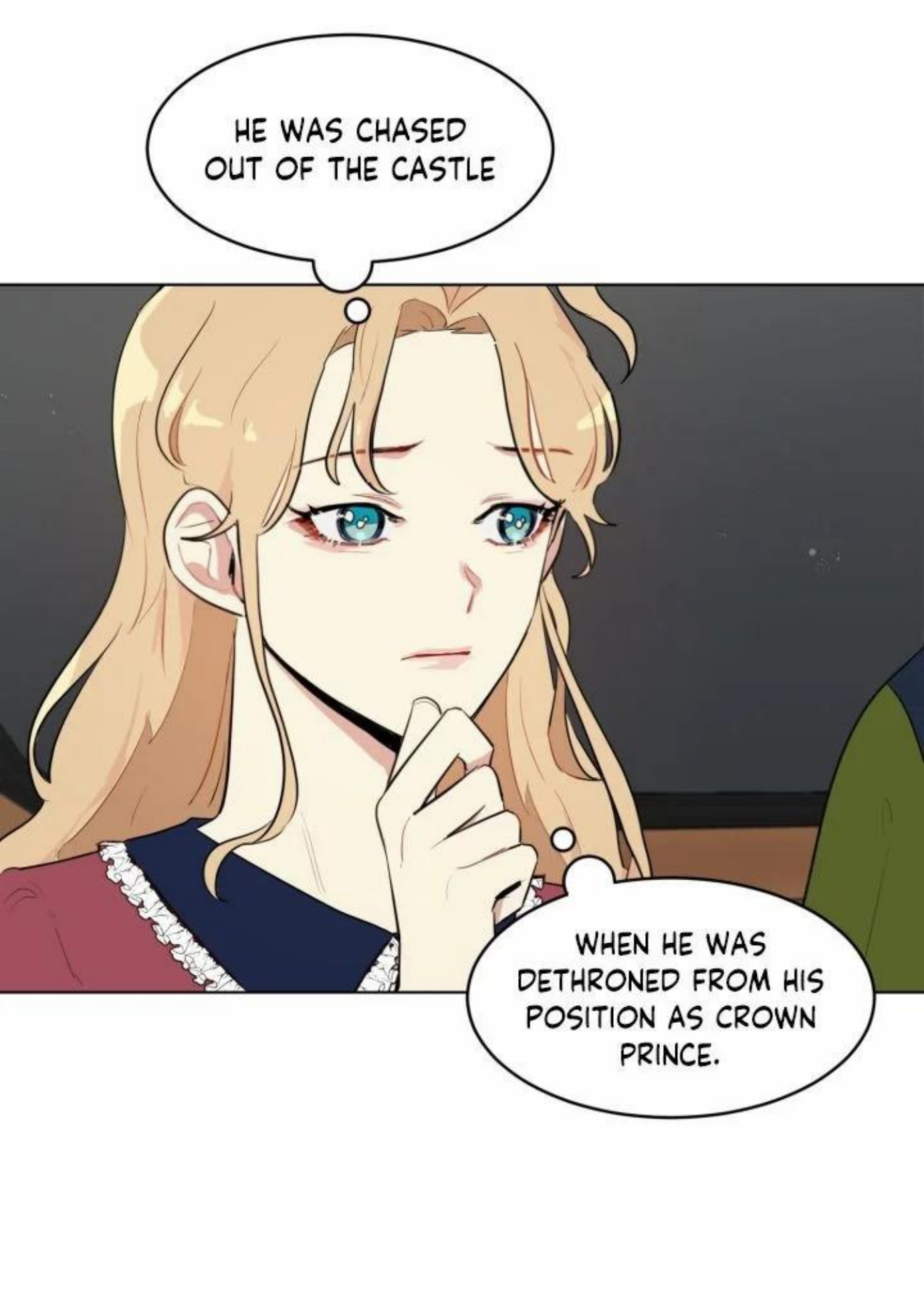




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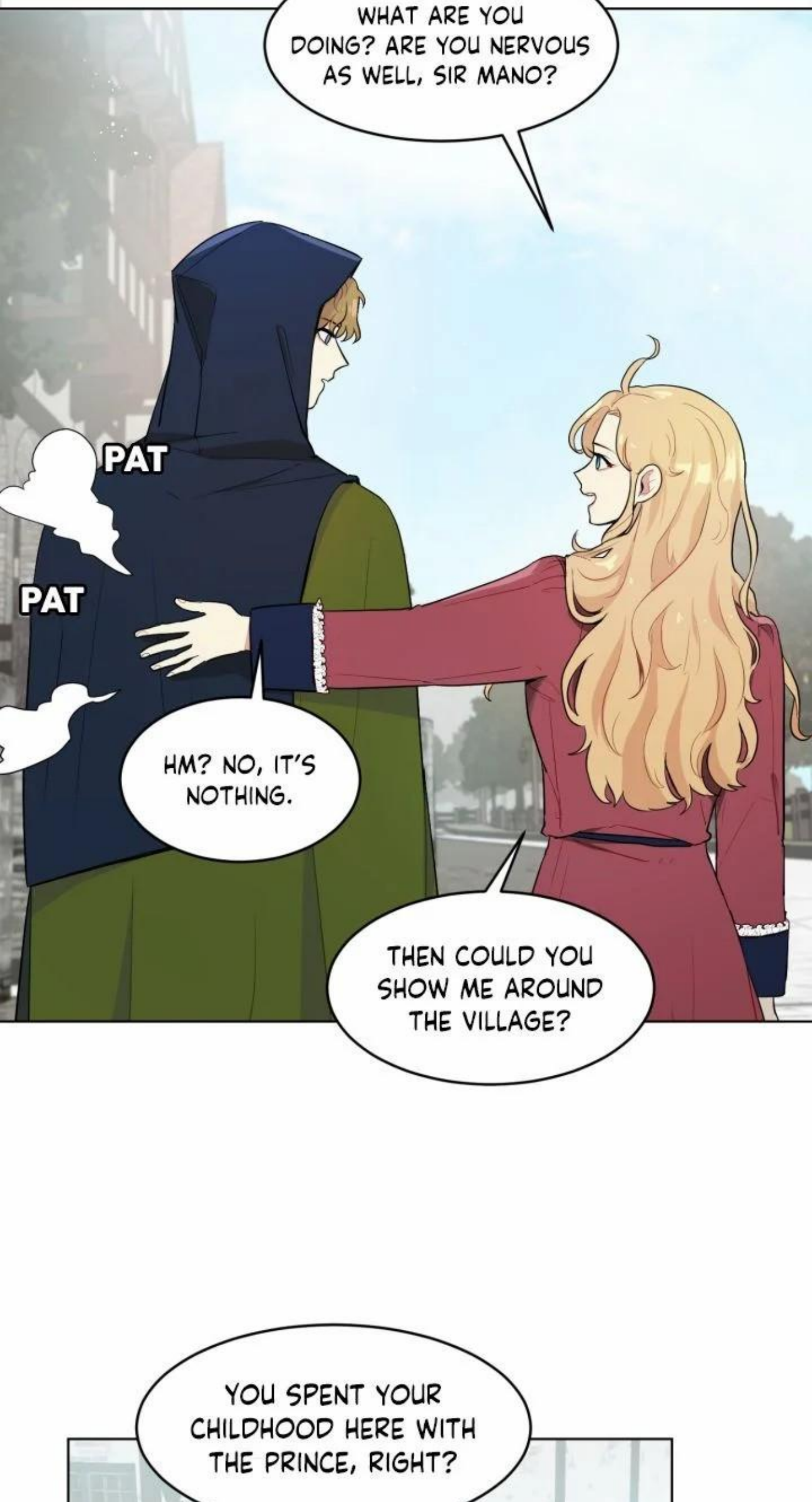




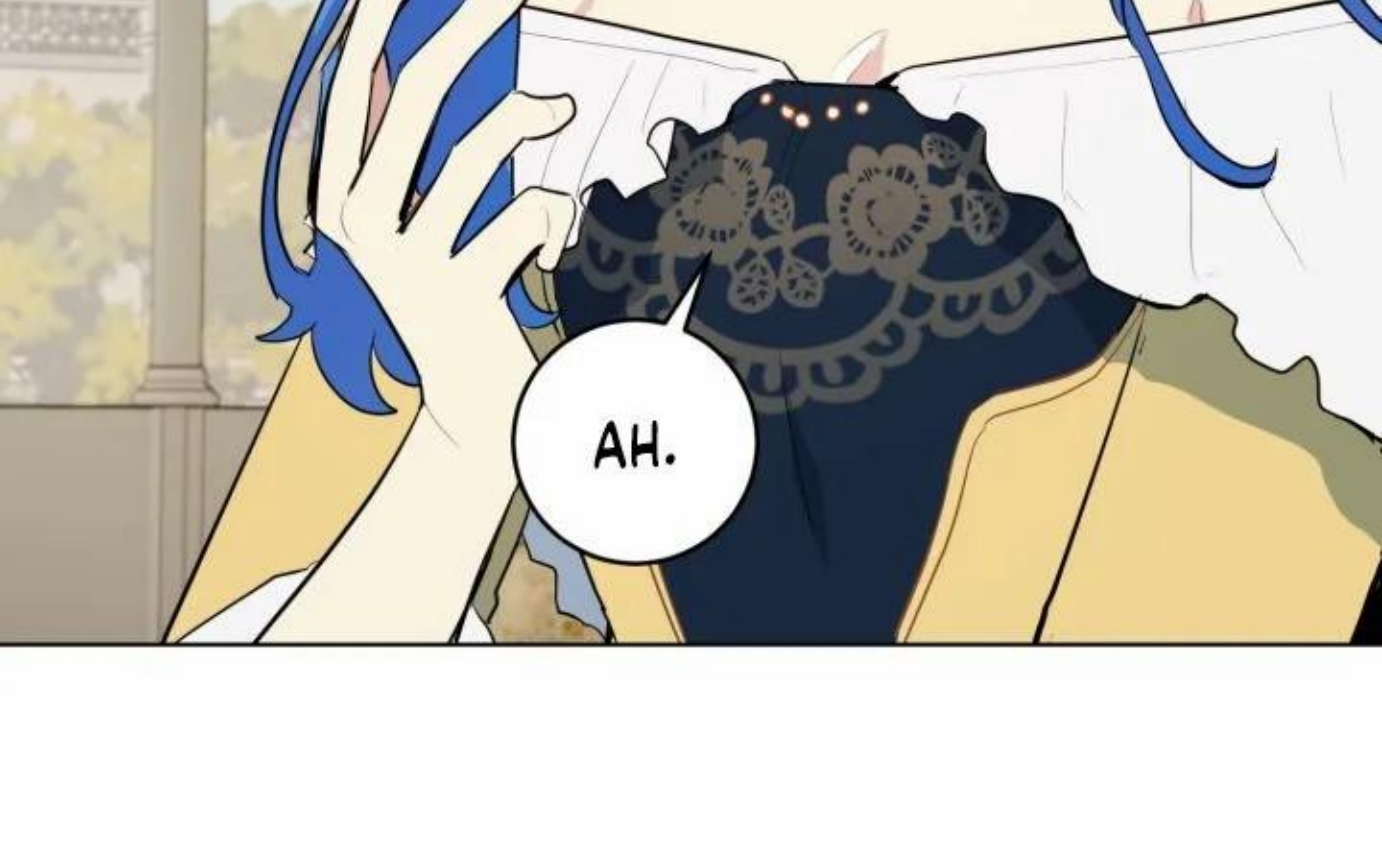
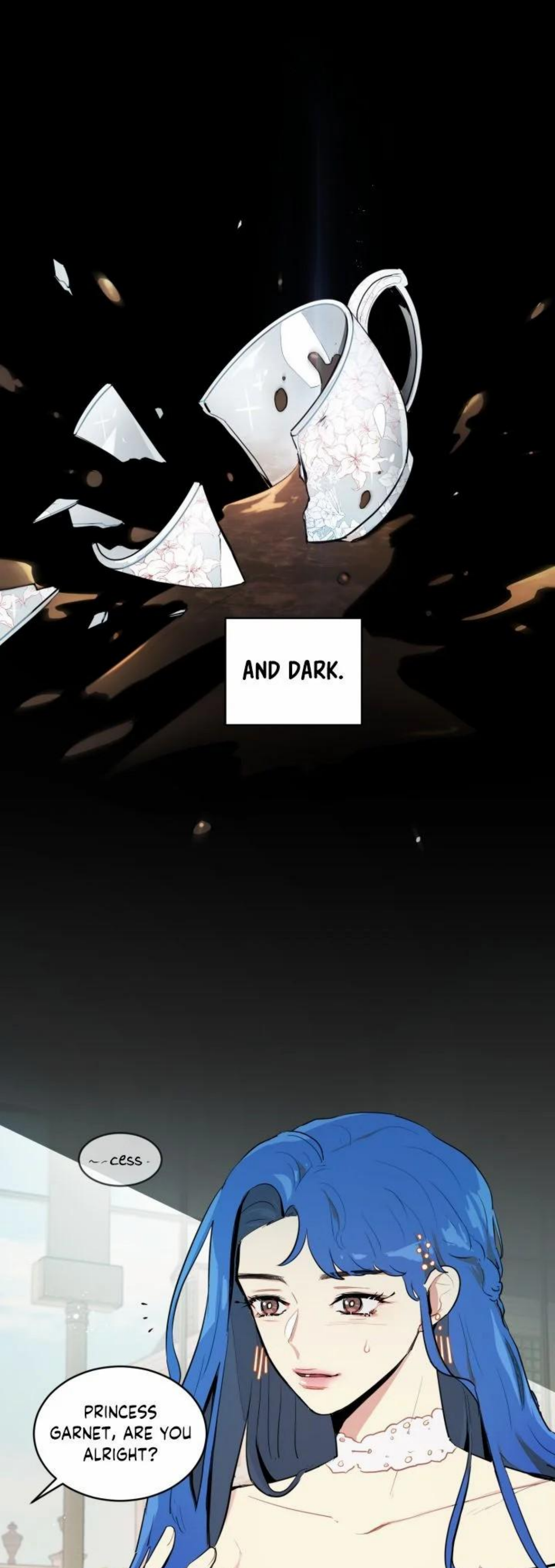
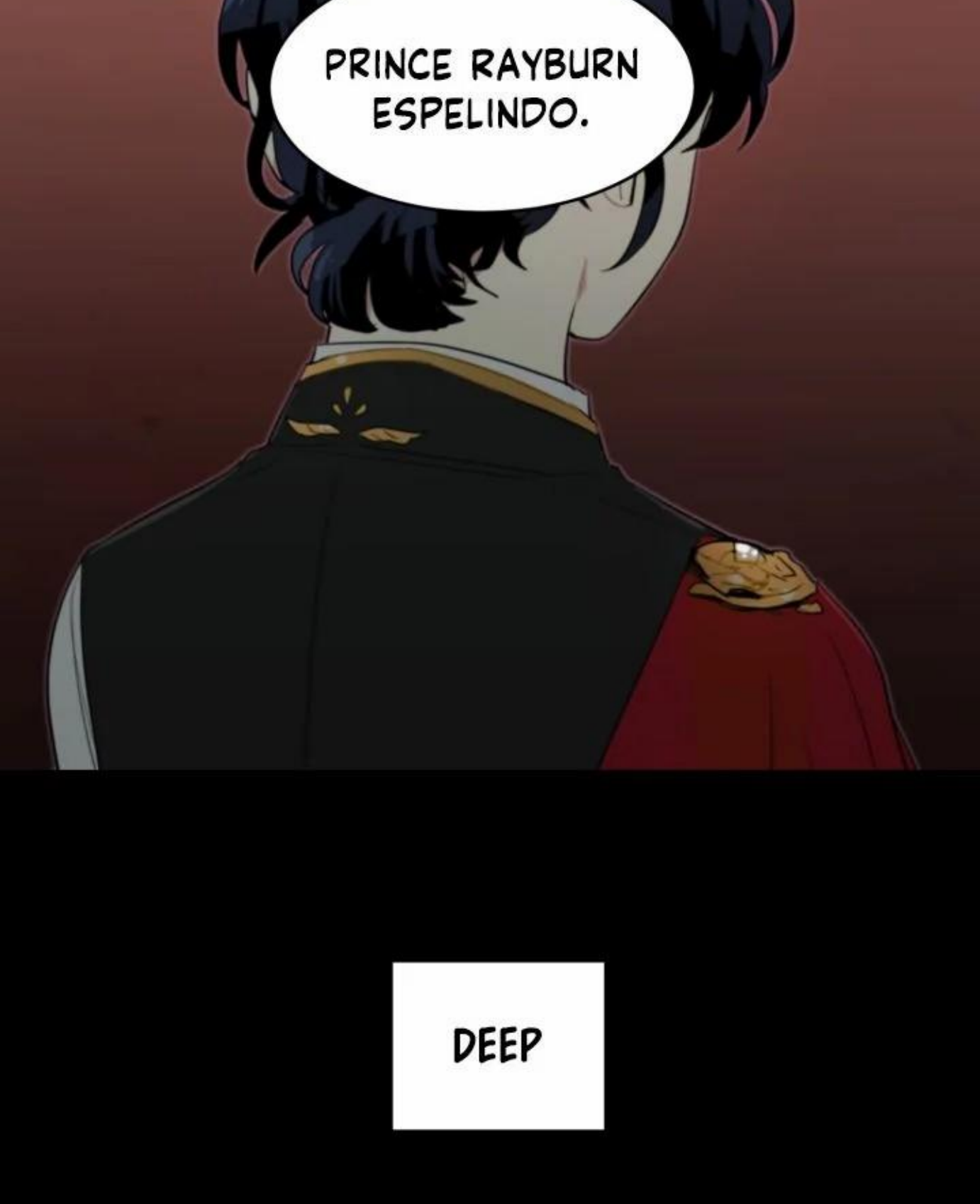
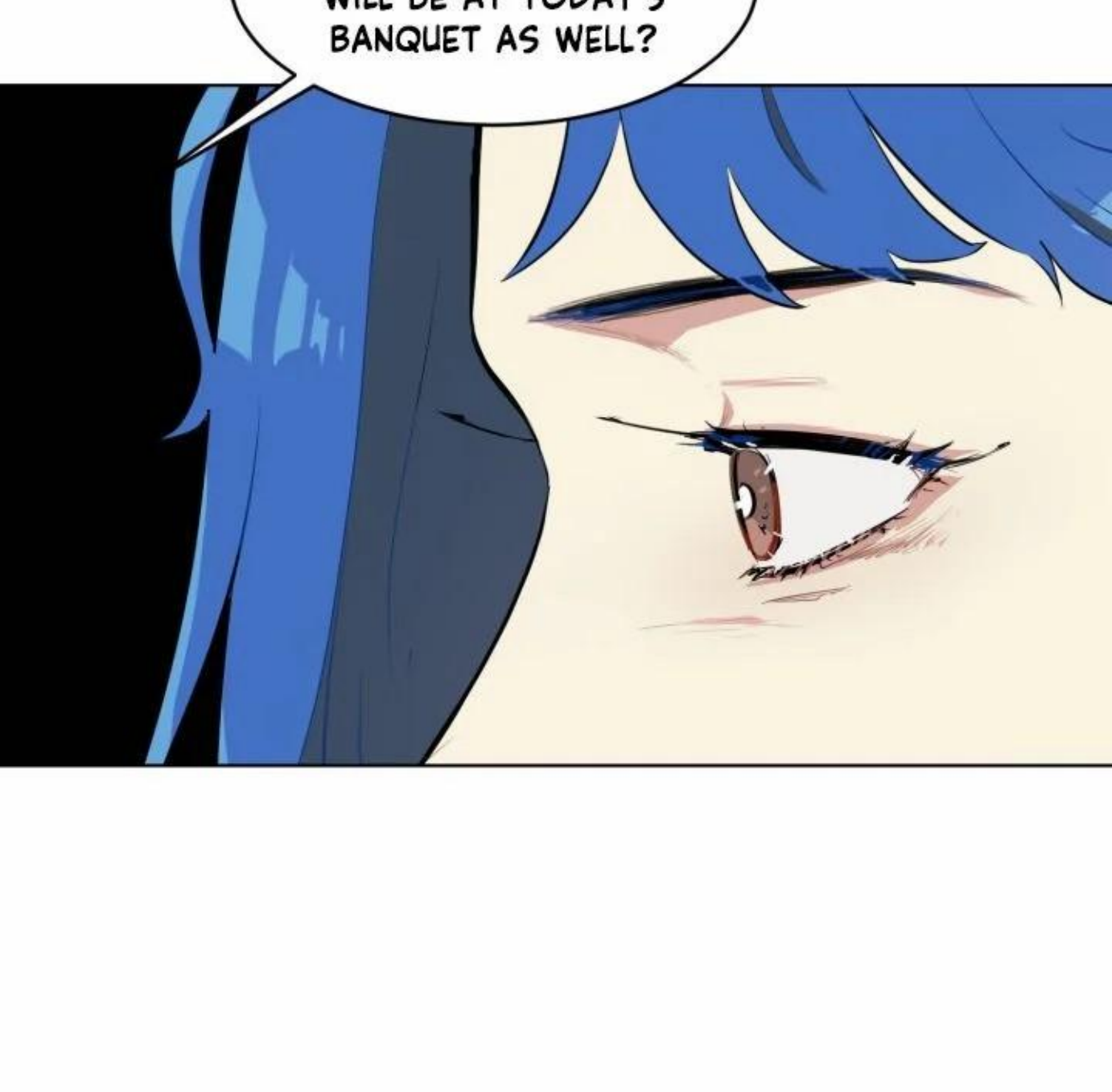
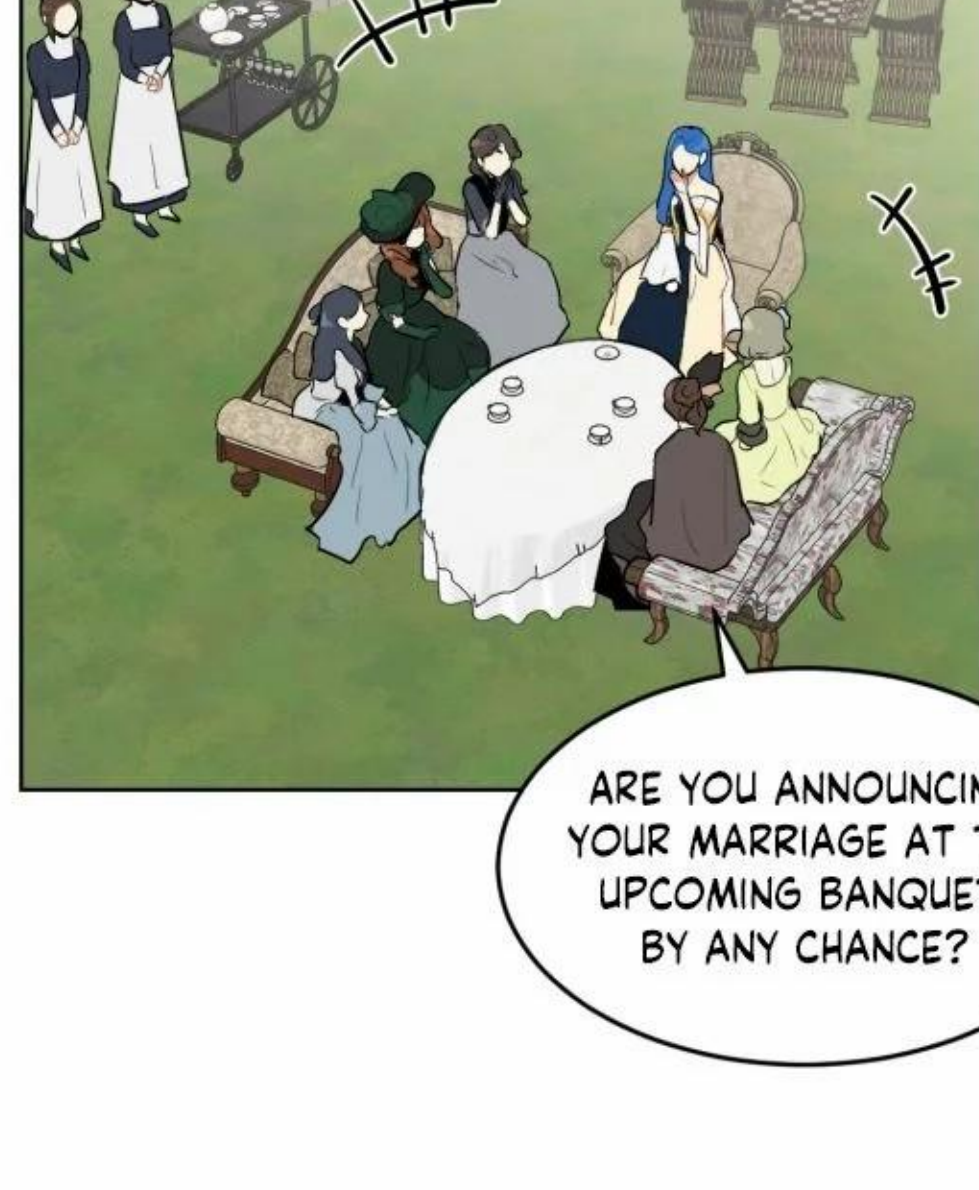
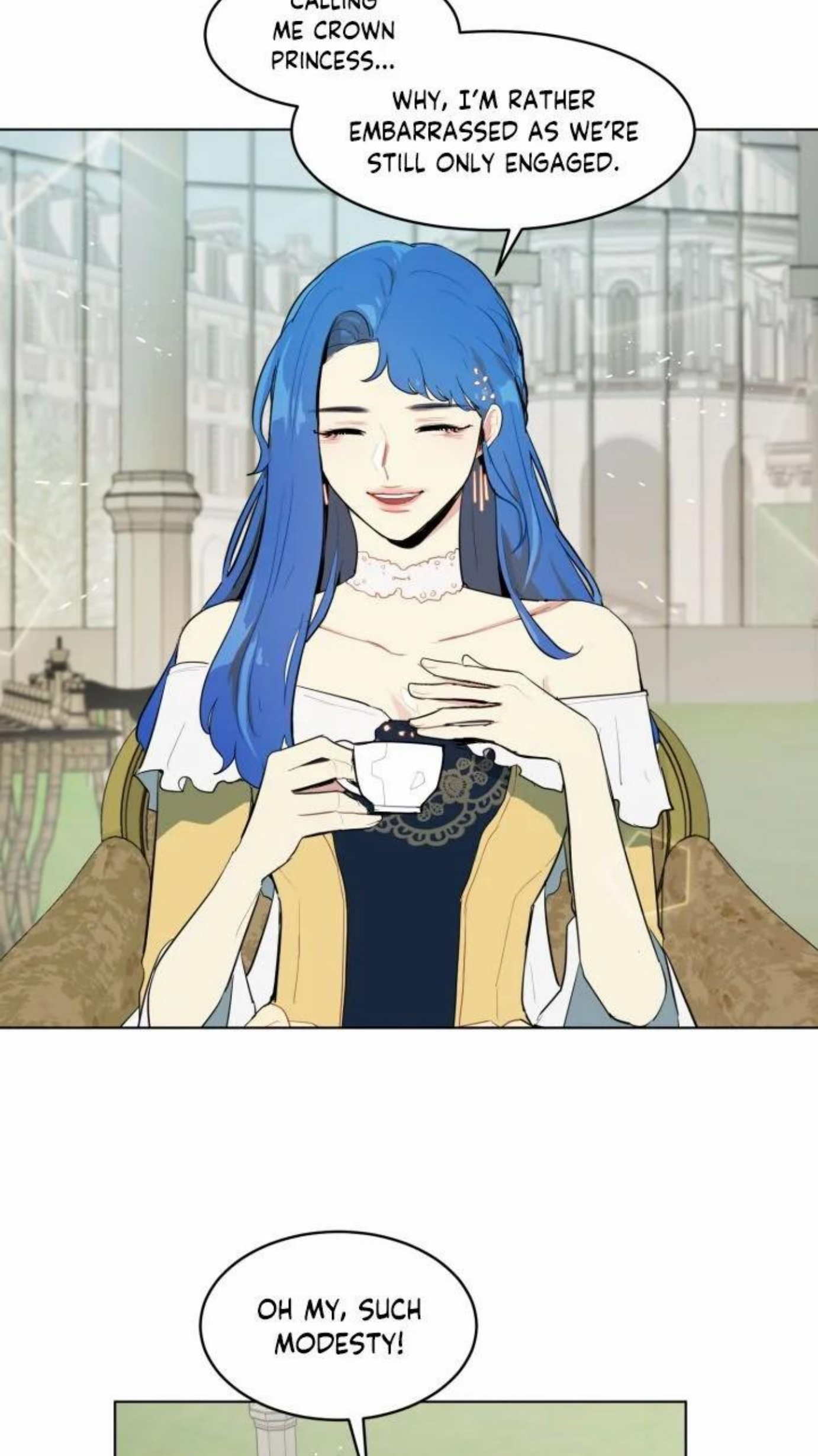














THE SKY IN  
LUDEXT IS LOW.

THERE'S NO NEED  
TO BE SCARED AFTER  
ALL THIS TIME.

MY SINCEREST  
APOLOGIES. IT'S BEEN SO  
LONG SINCE WE HAD A BANQUET,  
I GOT A BIT NERVOUS...

LAST TIME, PRINCE  
FERDERIC WAS...

LADIES!!

YOU WON'T  
BELIEVE WHO I  
JUST SAW!

IT WAS NONE OTHER  
THAN THE FIRST PRINCE,  
DUKE RAYBURN.

IF I'D ARRIVED  
EARLIER, I WOULD'VE  
MISSED SEEING HIM.

OH MY,  
YOU DON'T  
SAY?

HE'S SO HANDSOME  
AND TALL, JUST AS THE  
NOVEL DESCRIBED. NOW, IF HE  
WAS LIKE MY LITTLE BOY-

I'LL

BE TAKING MY LEAVE  
FIRST. THERE'S STILL MUCH  
FOR ME TO PREPARE.

OH MY, YOU'RE  
HERE AS WELL,  
PRINCESS.

LATE TO  
NOTICE

PLEASE, ENJOY YOUR  
TIME CONVERSING.

SILENCE

NOW, DON'T SPARE  
US ANY DETAILS.

WELL, YOU SEE~

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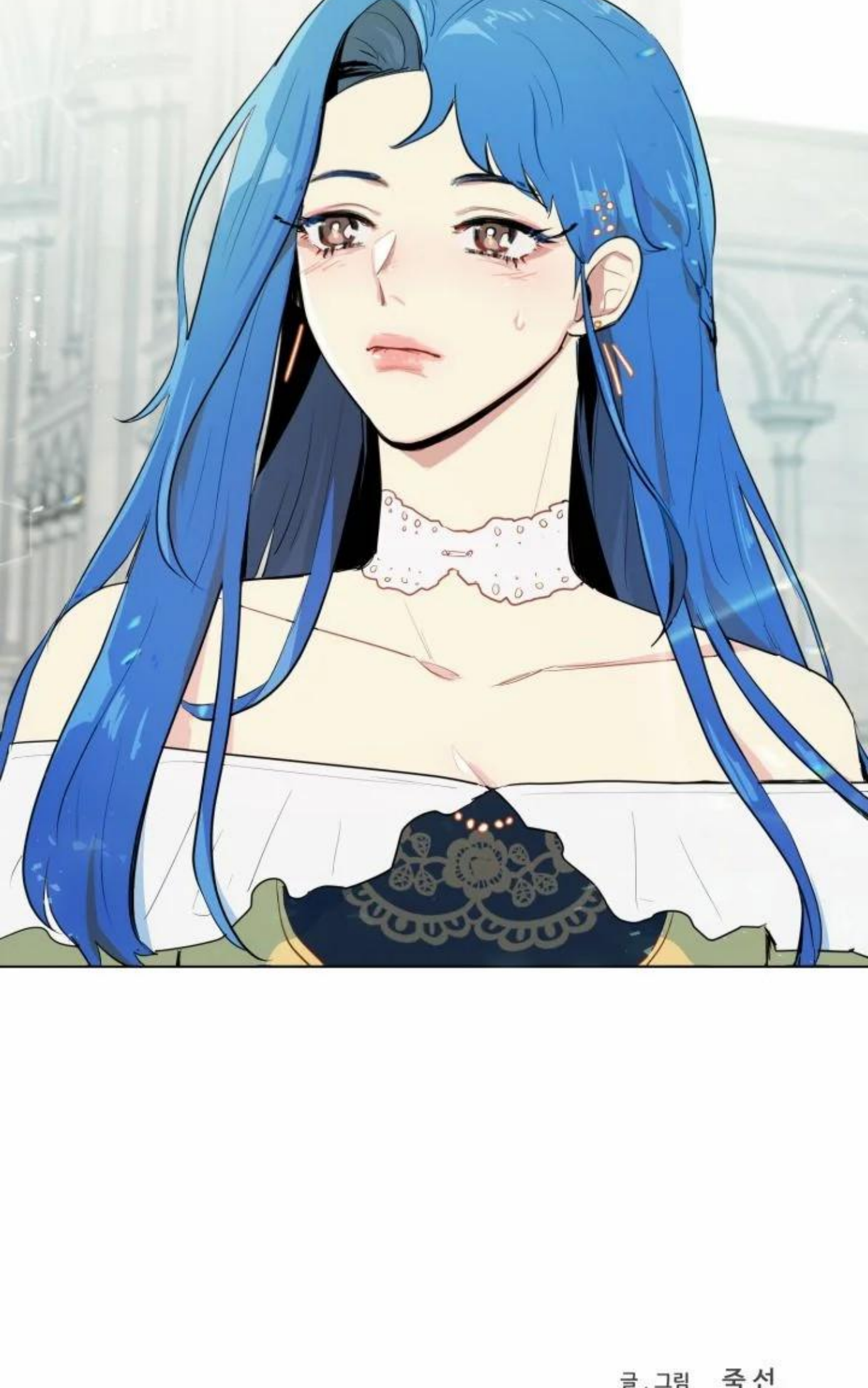
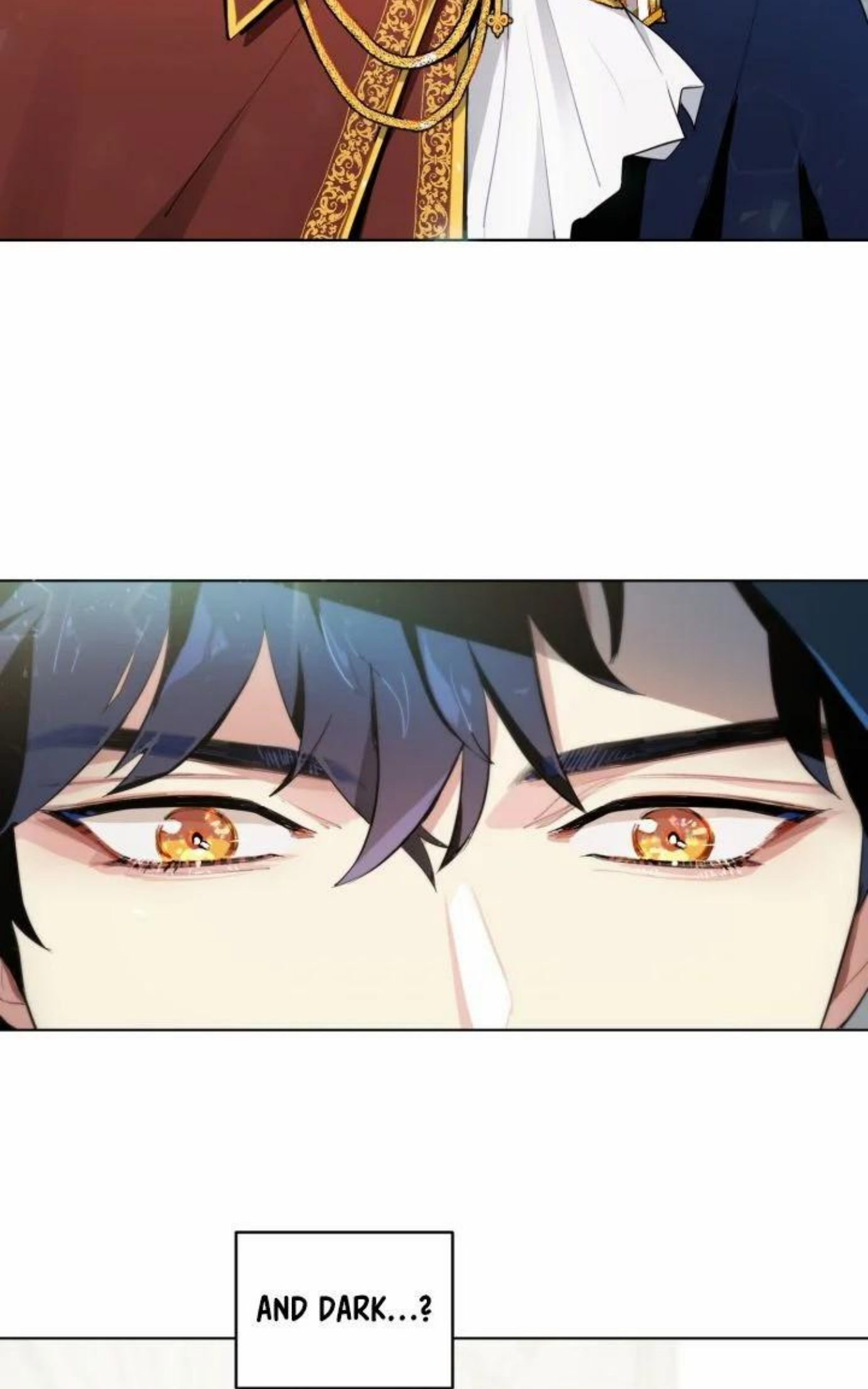
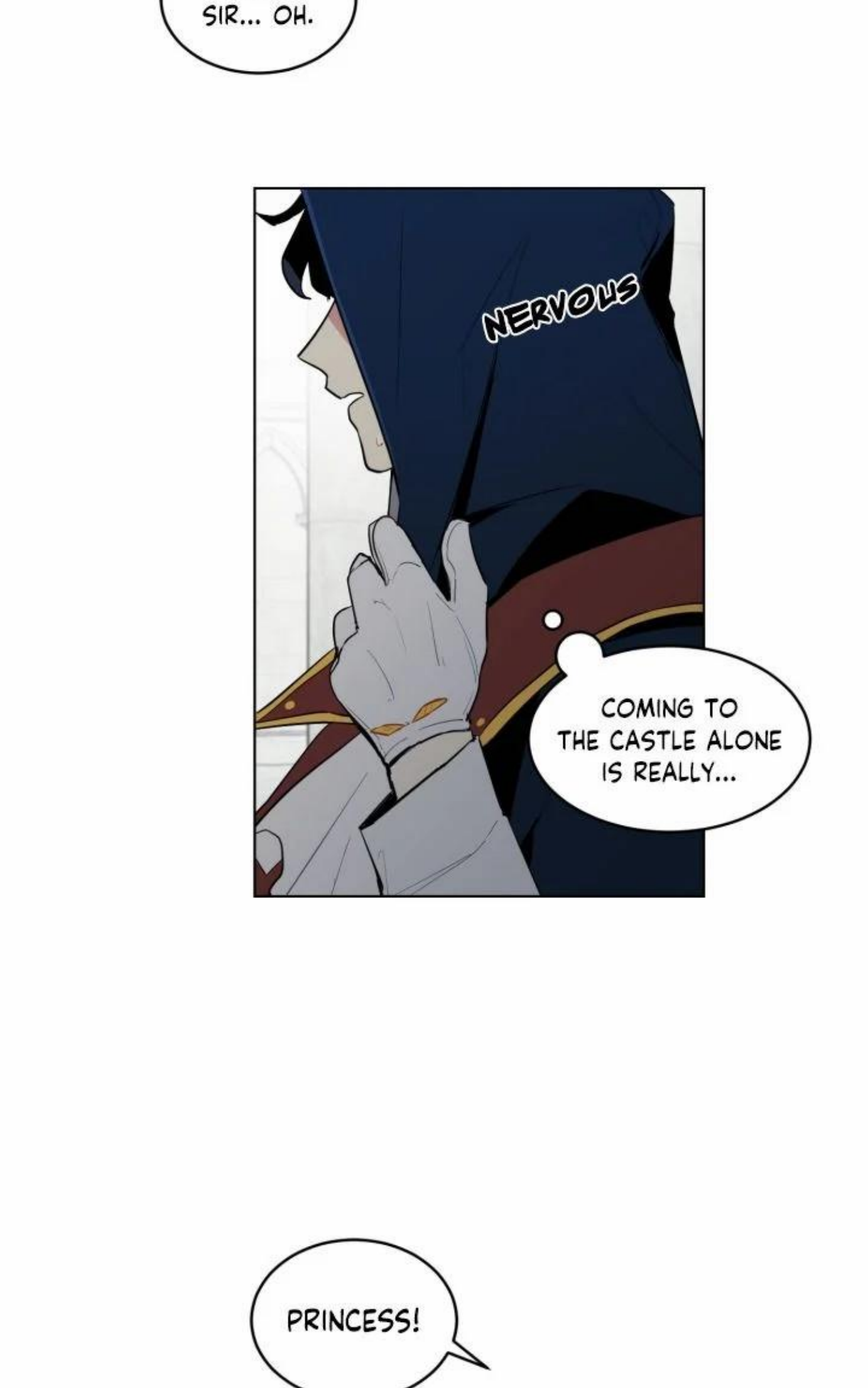
CHATTER

GEEZ...

JUST EARLIER THEY  
WERE GLUED TO MY SIDE  
AND GOSSIPING TOGETHER...  
UNBELIEVABLE, REALLY.

WHAT'S SO GREAT  
ABOUT SOMEONE WHO  
HAS BEEN DETHRONED AND  
STRIPPED OF HIS TITLE AS  
CROWN PRINCE?







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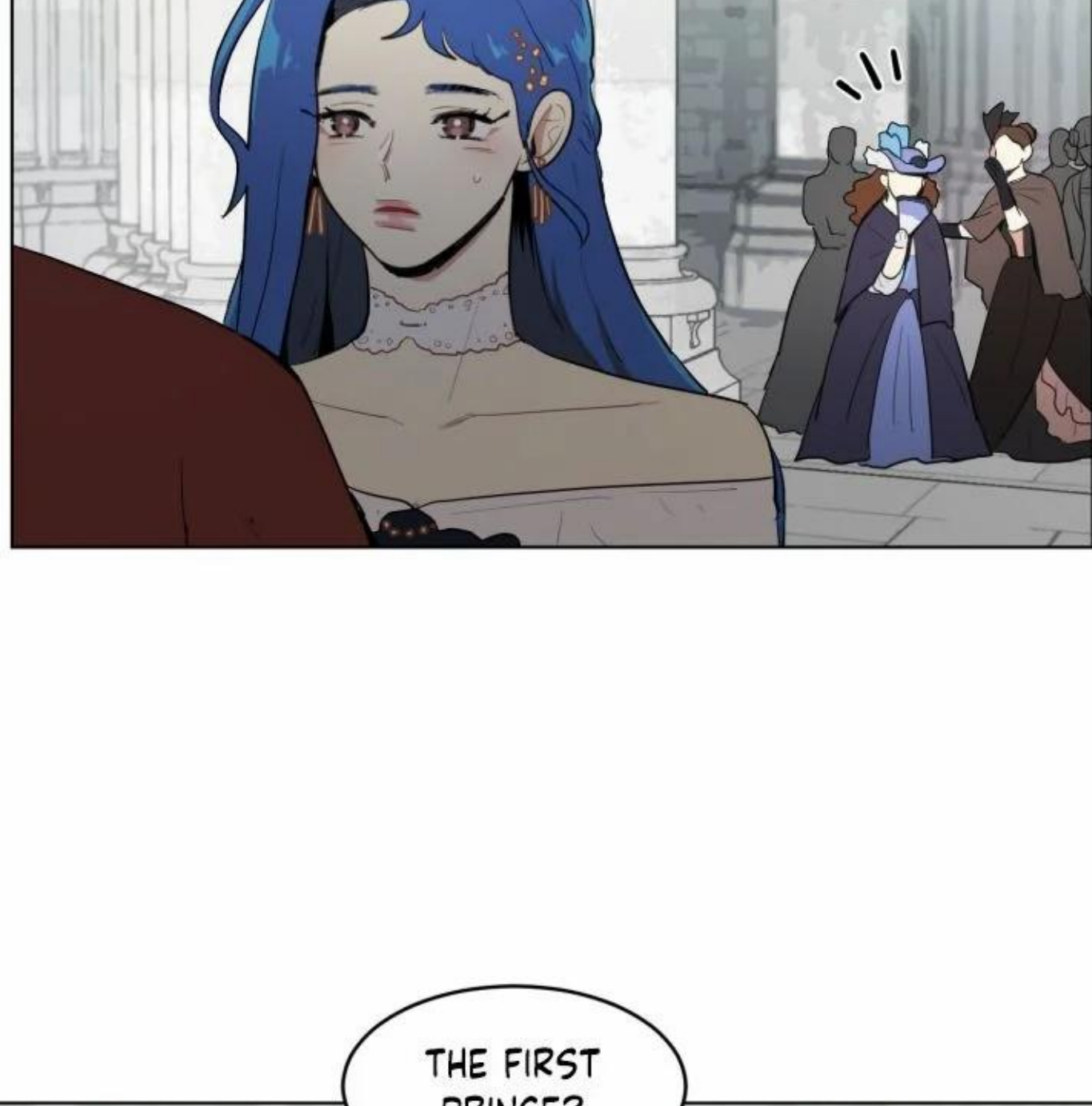


NOW THAT I THINK  
ABOUT IT, IT MUST BE  
STRANGE FOR THE  
PRINCESS.

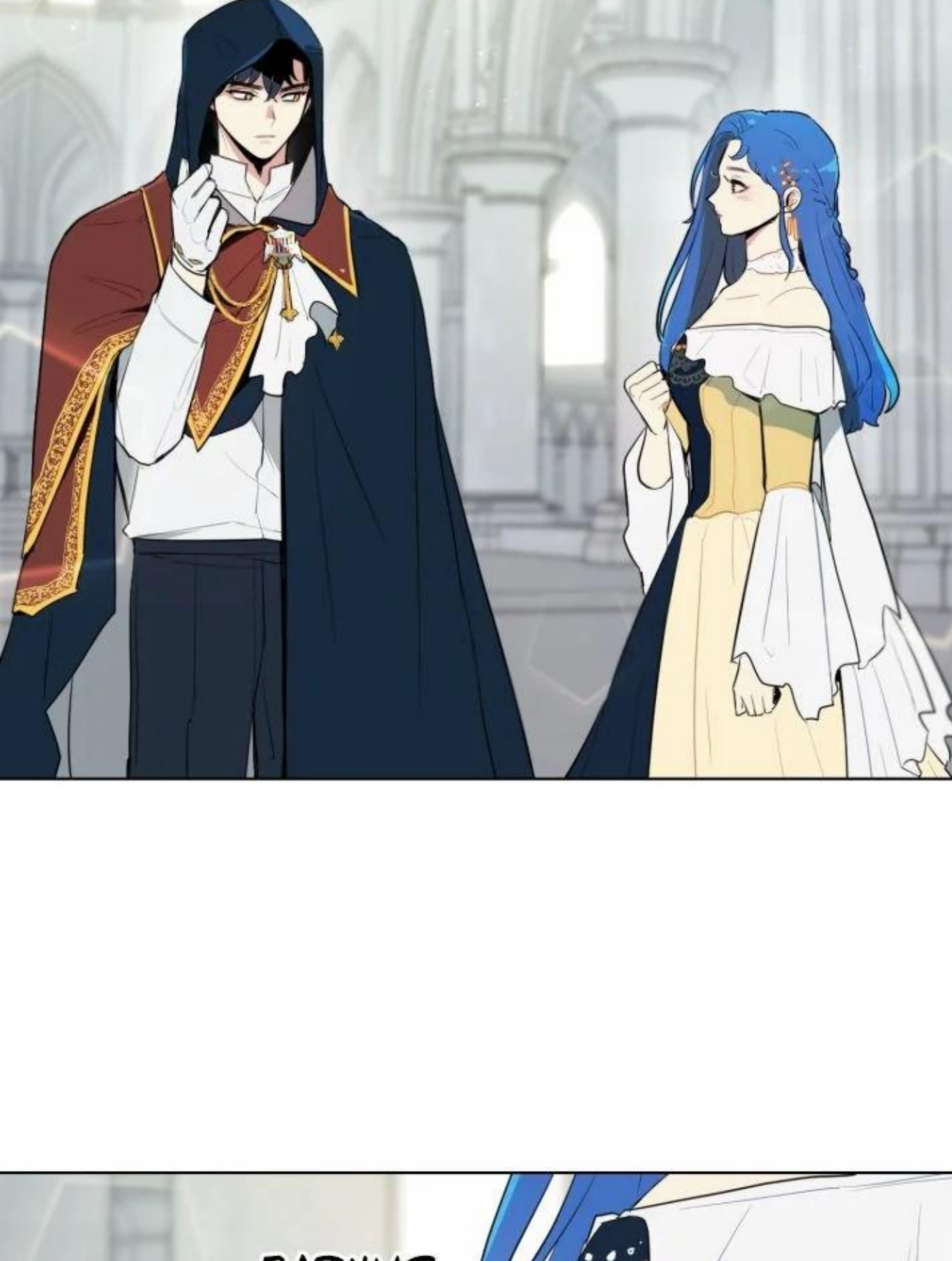
HER ORIGINAL FIANCÉ  
WAS THE FIRST PRINCE,  
AFTER ALL.



GOSH, MADAM,  
QUIET DOWN! THE  
PRINCESS IS RIGHT  
THERE...



THE FIRST  
PRINCE?



BADUMP.



IF SHE'S THE  
PRINCESS, THEN

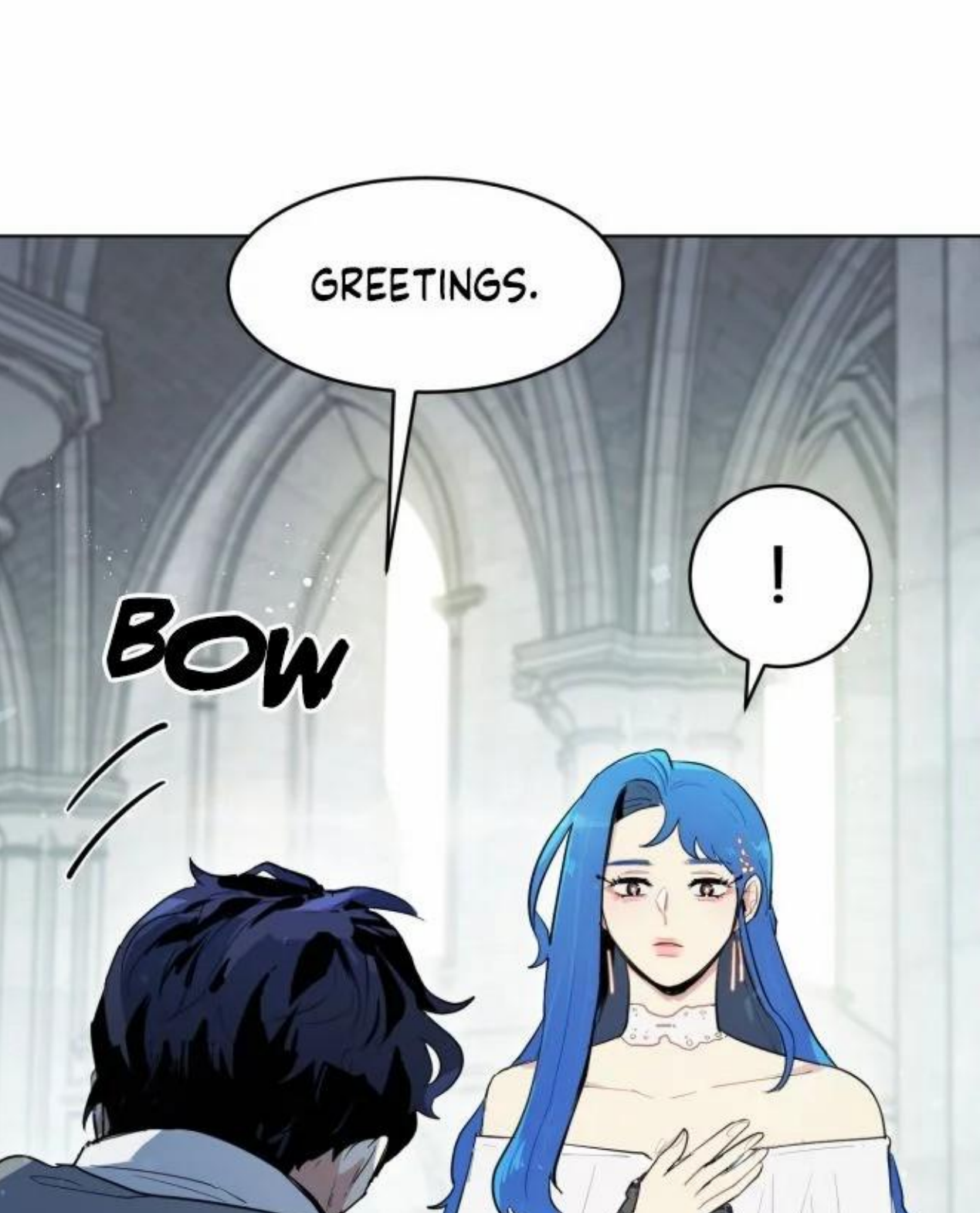
SHE'S GOING  
TO BE THE CROWN  
PRINCE'S WIFE...



WHISPER  
THIS IS DUKE  
RAYBURN.

FLINCH

RIGHT, I NEED  
TO GREET HIM...



GREETINGS.

BOW

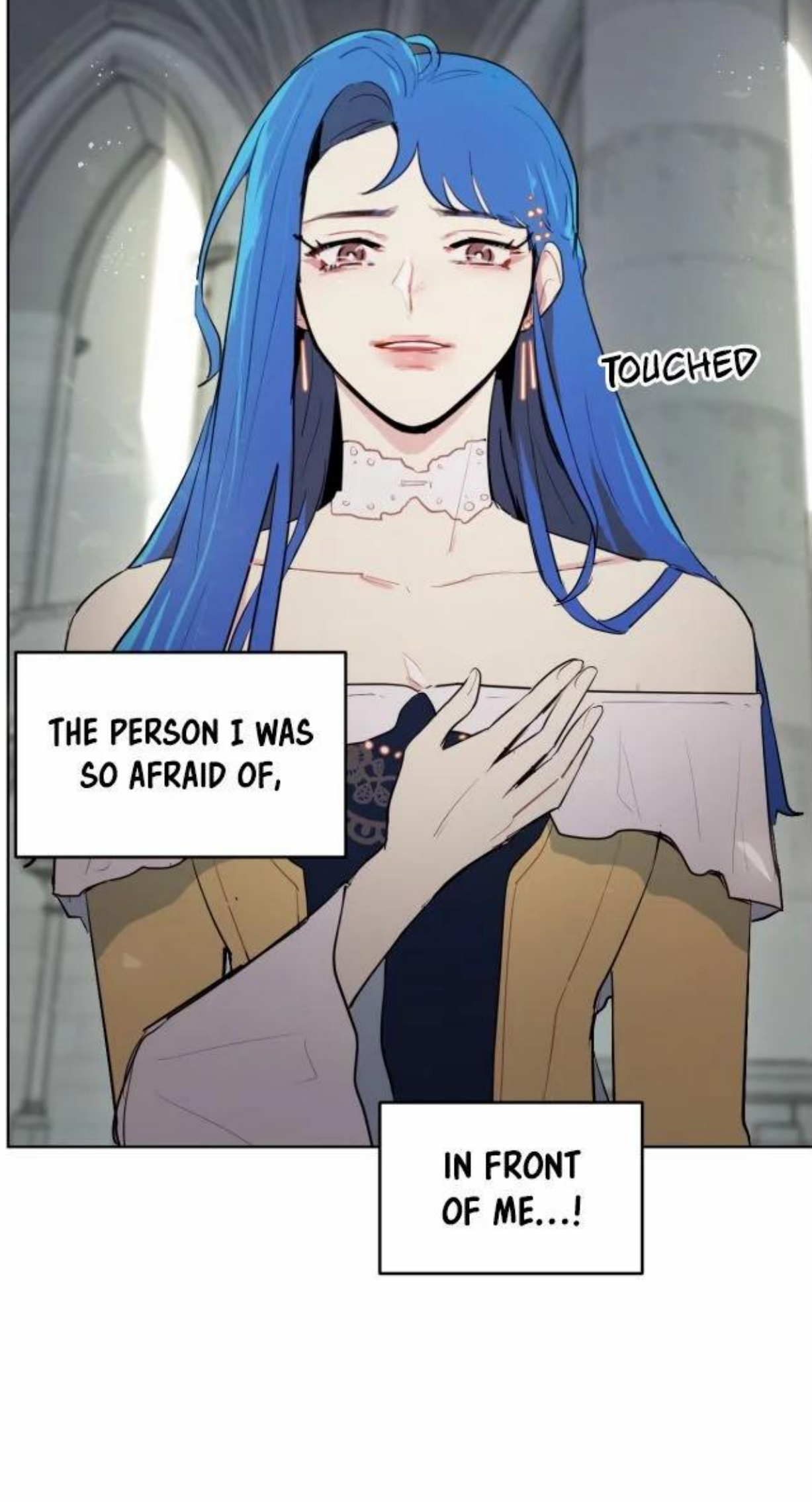
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GREETINGS TO THE  
PRINCESS FROM DUKE  
RAYBURN ESPELINDO.





HE BOWED  
TO ME.



CROWDED



CROWDED



PRINCESS  
GARNET...

AND DUKE RAYBURN?  
HE REALLY CAME TO  
THE PALACE?



THE ASSASSIN I  
SENT HASN'T COME  
BACK, SO...



CHATTER

CHATTER

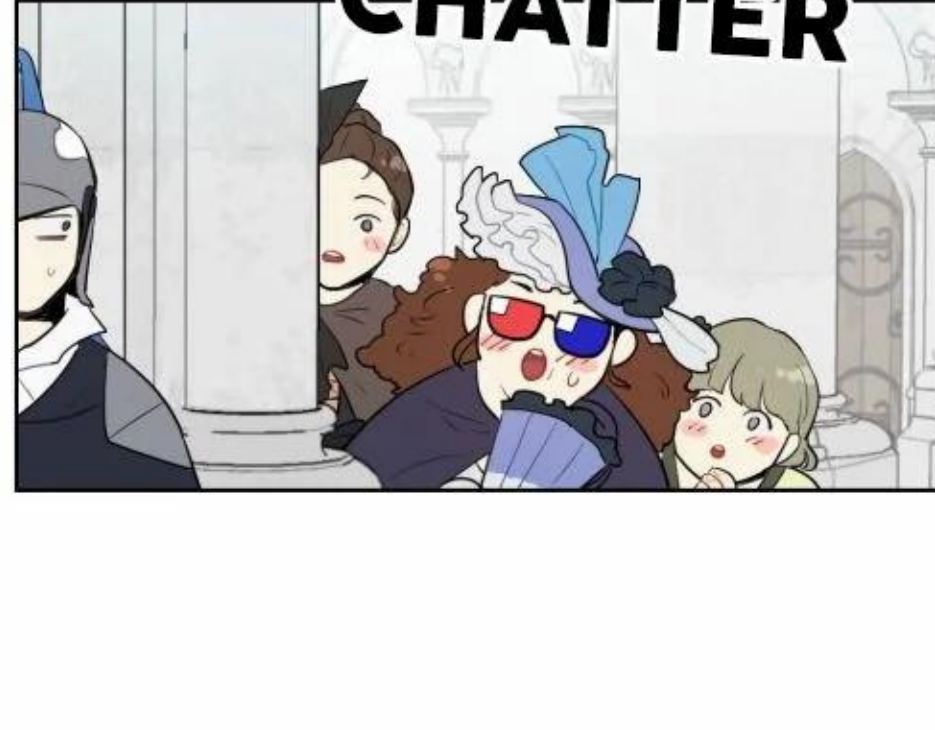
HAA..

HEADACHE

YOUR EXPRESSION IS  
FULL OF WORRY. ARE YOU  
FEELING UNWELL?



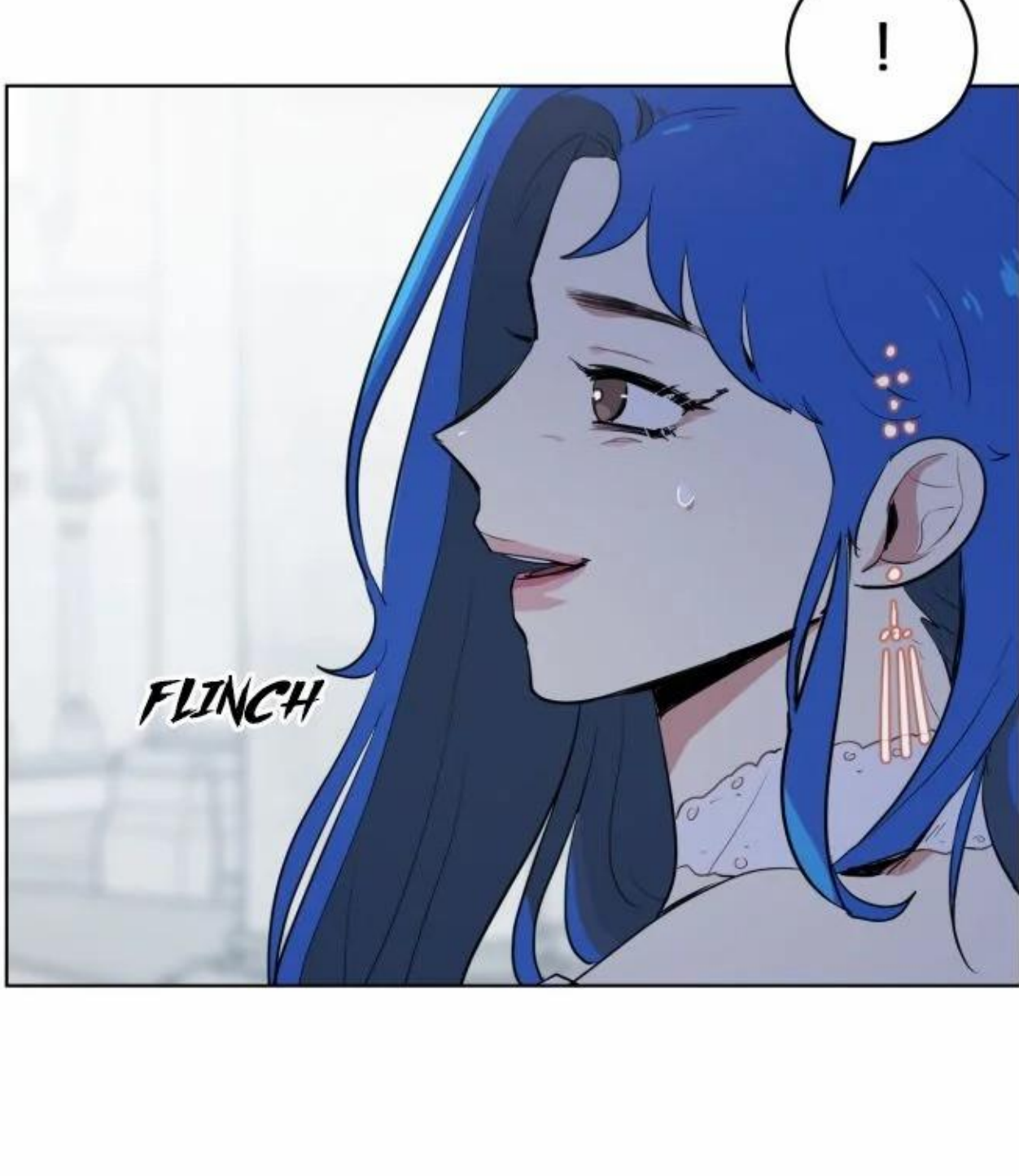




IF IT'S ALRIGHT WITH YOU, I'LL ACCOMPANY YOU TO YOUR ROOM...



...PLEASE.

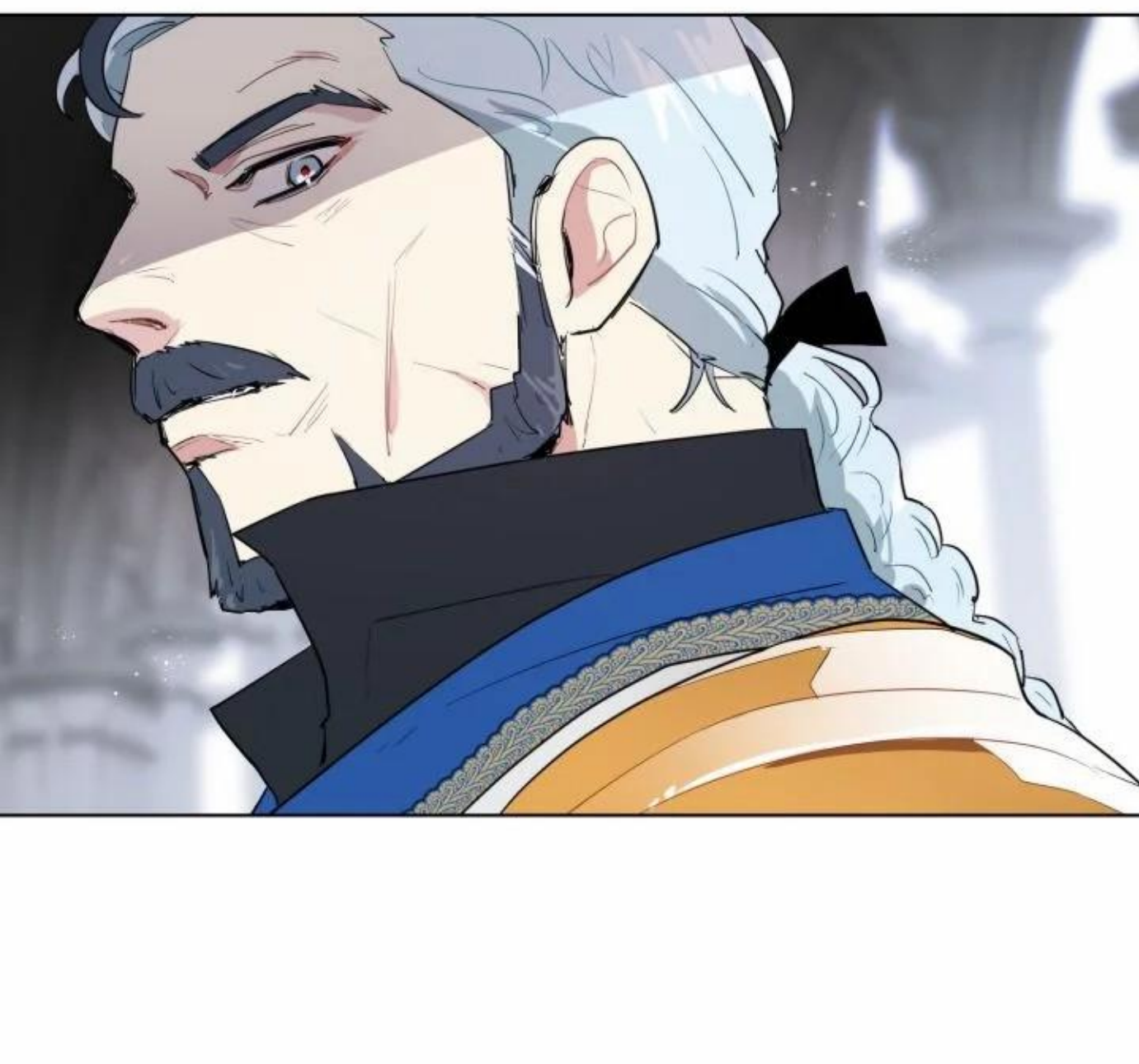


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**WHISPER**



THERE ARE MANY EYES THAT ARE WATCHING.



SIR CHANCELLOR?

I AM GOING TO GO SEE THE CROWN PRINCE.



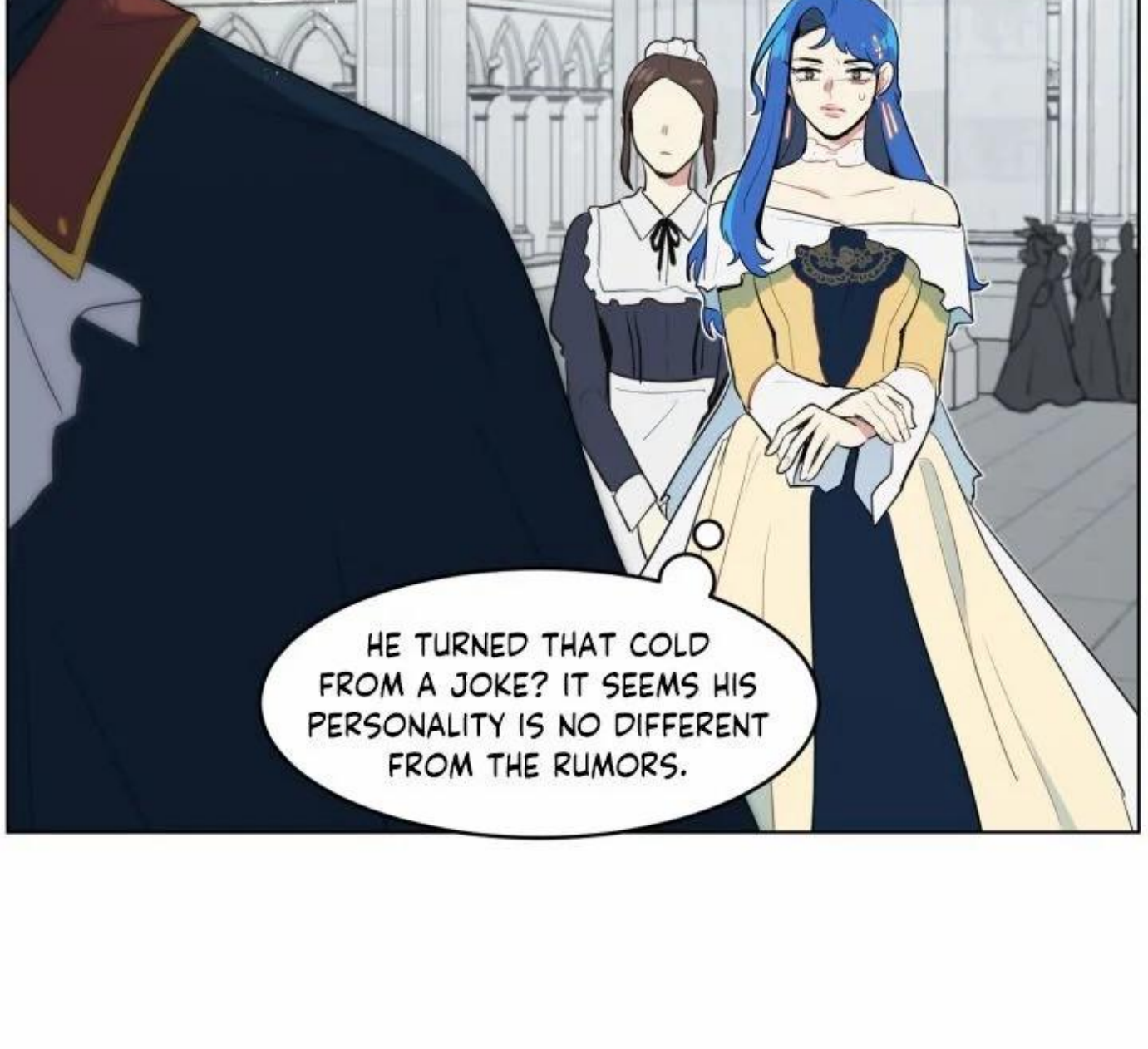
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WELL THEN. I'LL SEE YOU AT THE BANQUET HALL.

...HOW SURPRISING.

HE TURNED THAT COLD FROM A JOKE? IT SEEMS HIS PERSONALITY IS NO DIFFERENT FROM THE RUMORS.





PRINCESS, YOUR DRESS IS READY.

WELL... EVEN THOUGH HE WAS COLD,

HIS HANDS WERE SOFT.

ALRIGHT.

MISS BOURBON, YOU LOOK SO PRETTY WITH SHORT HAIR...

BUT LONG HAIR ALSO SUITS YOU REALLY WELL!!

IT'S SO ANKWARD!

KYAA

CR

ACK

ANYWAY, TO THINK YOU'D CONSIDER WEARING A DRESS...

THAT ENERGY...

I'M STILL THINKING ABOUT IT.

IS THERE SOMEONE YOU WANT TO LOOK GOOD FOR?

...IT'S JUST,

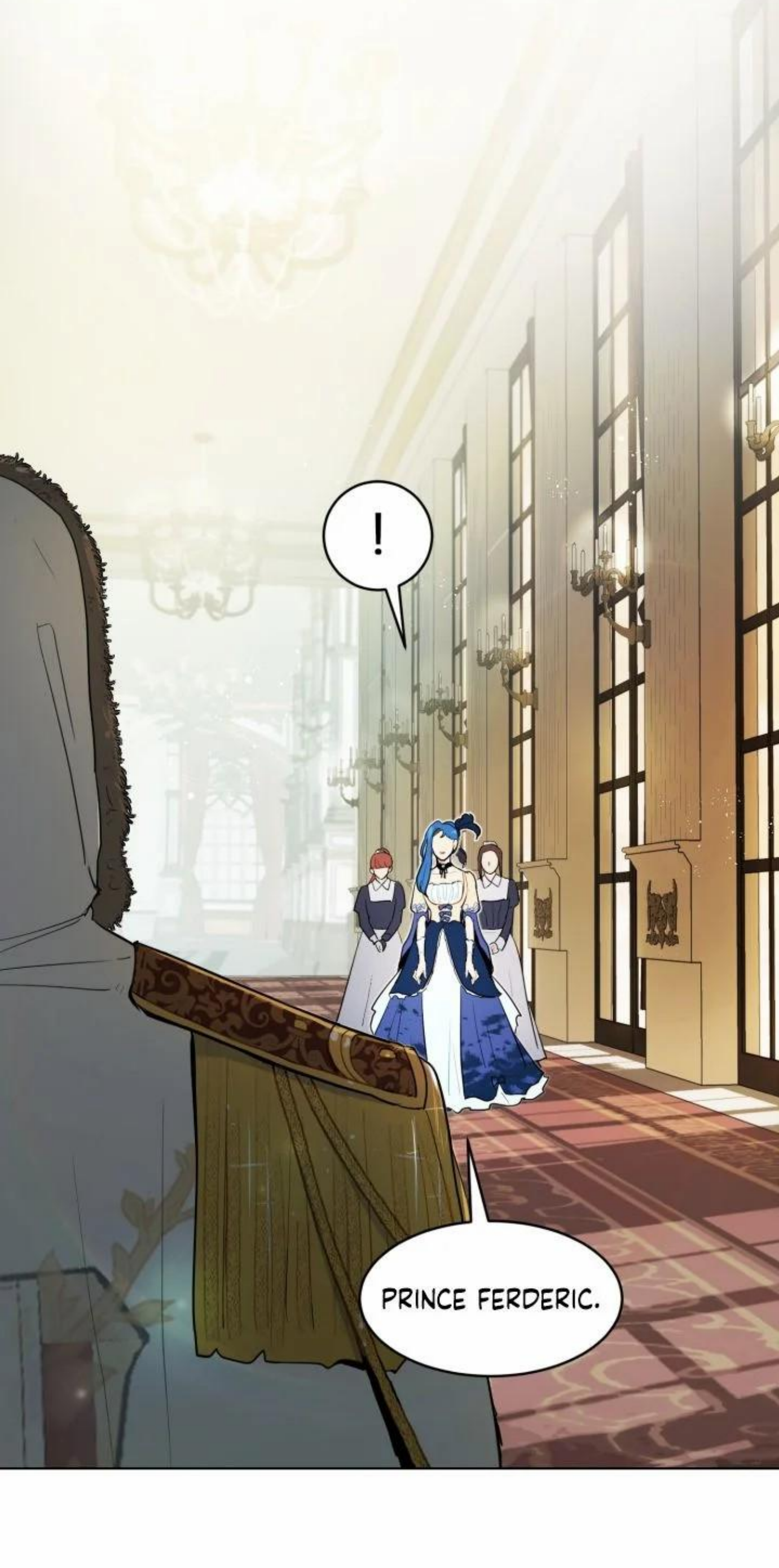
I WANT TO MAKE THEM SMILE...

OH MY~





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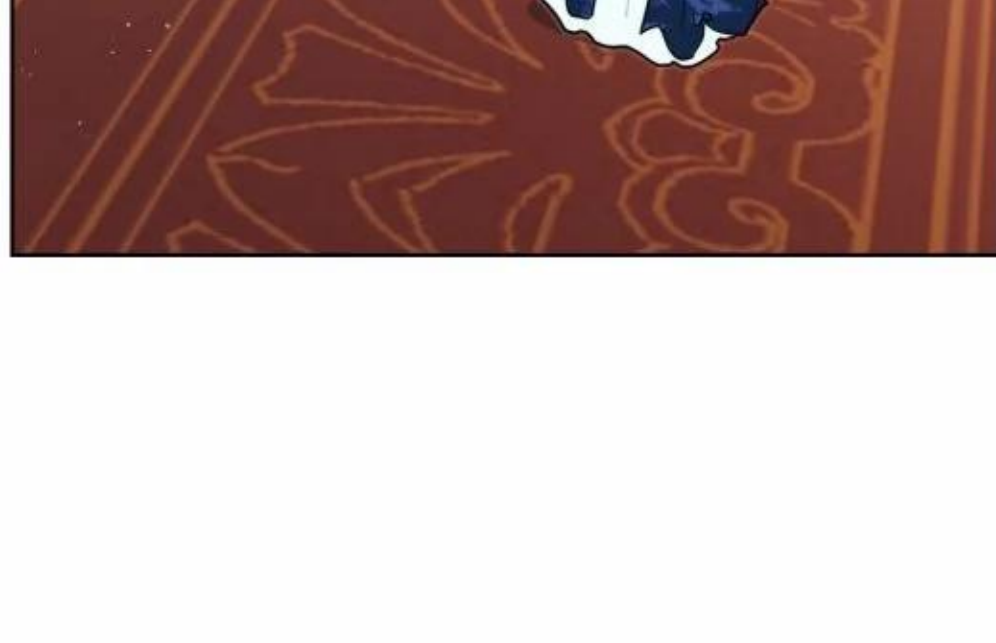




THE BANQUET WILL BE STARTING SOON. MAY I ASK WHERE YOU'RE HEADED TO IN SUCH A RUSH?



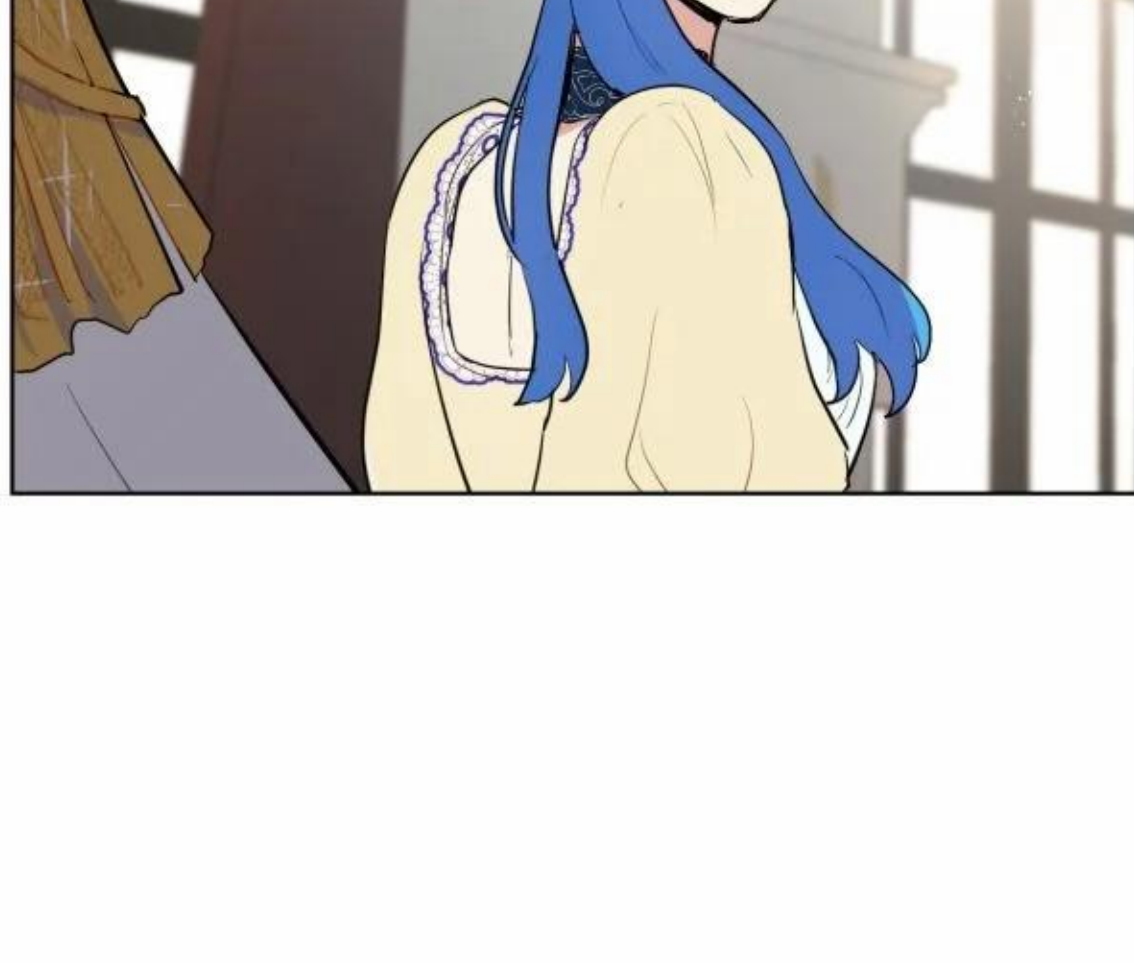
IS THERE PERHAPS ANYTHING I COULD LEND YOU A HAND WITH...?



BOW

?

WOW, NOT EVEN GOING TO SPARE ME A GLANCE?



EVEN THE INFAMOUS FIRST PRINCE BOWED TO ME. HOW AGGRAVATING.

WELL, I DON'T EVEN LIKE HIM IN THE FIRST PLACE BECAUSE HE'S SO EFFEMINATE.



HOW DARE HE, WHEN HE ONLY BECAME CROWN PRINCE BECAUSE OF THE FIGHT...

STEP

IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, THE FIRST PRINCE WAS ACTUALLY OF HIGHER STATUS THAN HIM.



ISN'T HE SUPPOSED TO TREAT ME BETTER THEN?

I WAS SUPPOSED TO MARRY THE FIRST PRINCE, WHO'S SUPERIOR TO HIM, AFTER ALL.



NOT YOU, BUT PRINCE RAYBURN...!

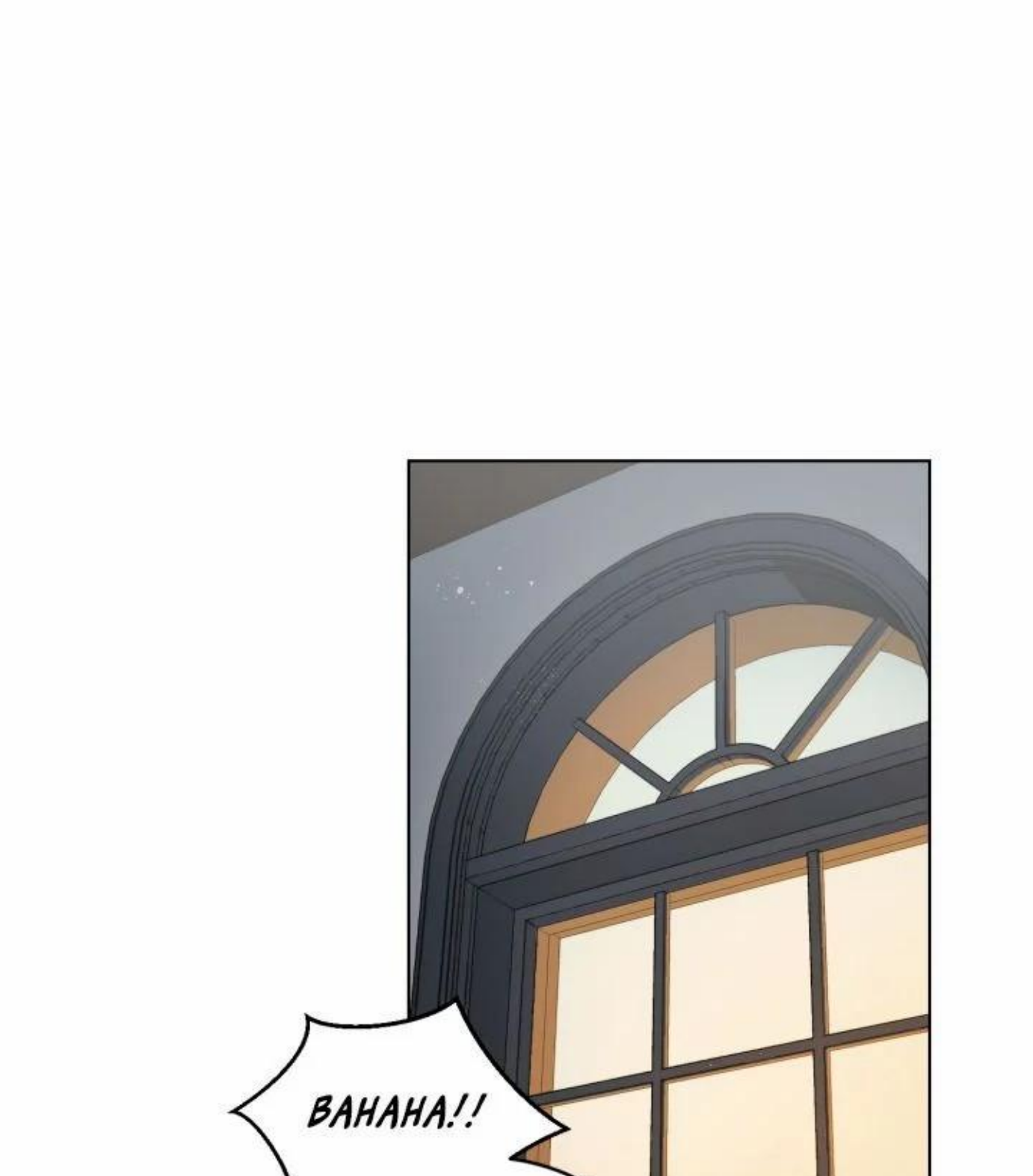
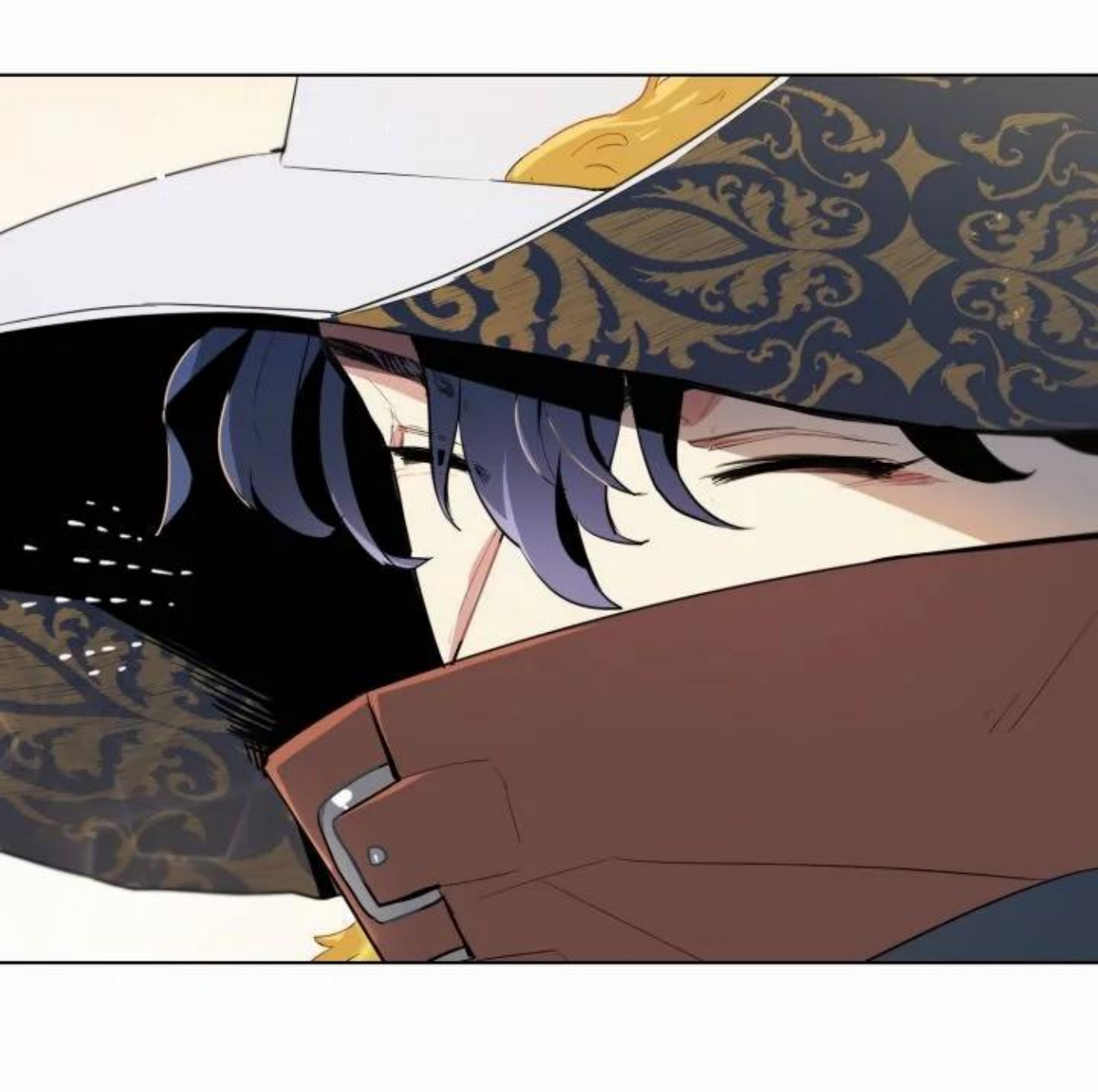
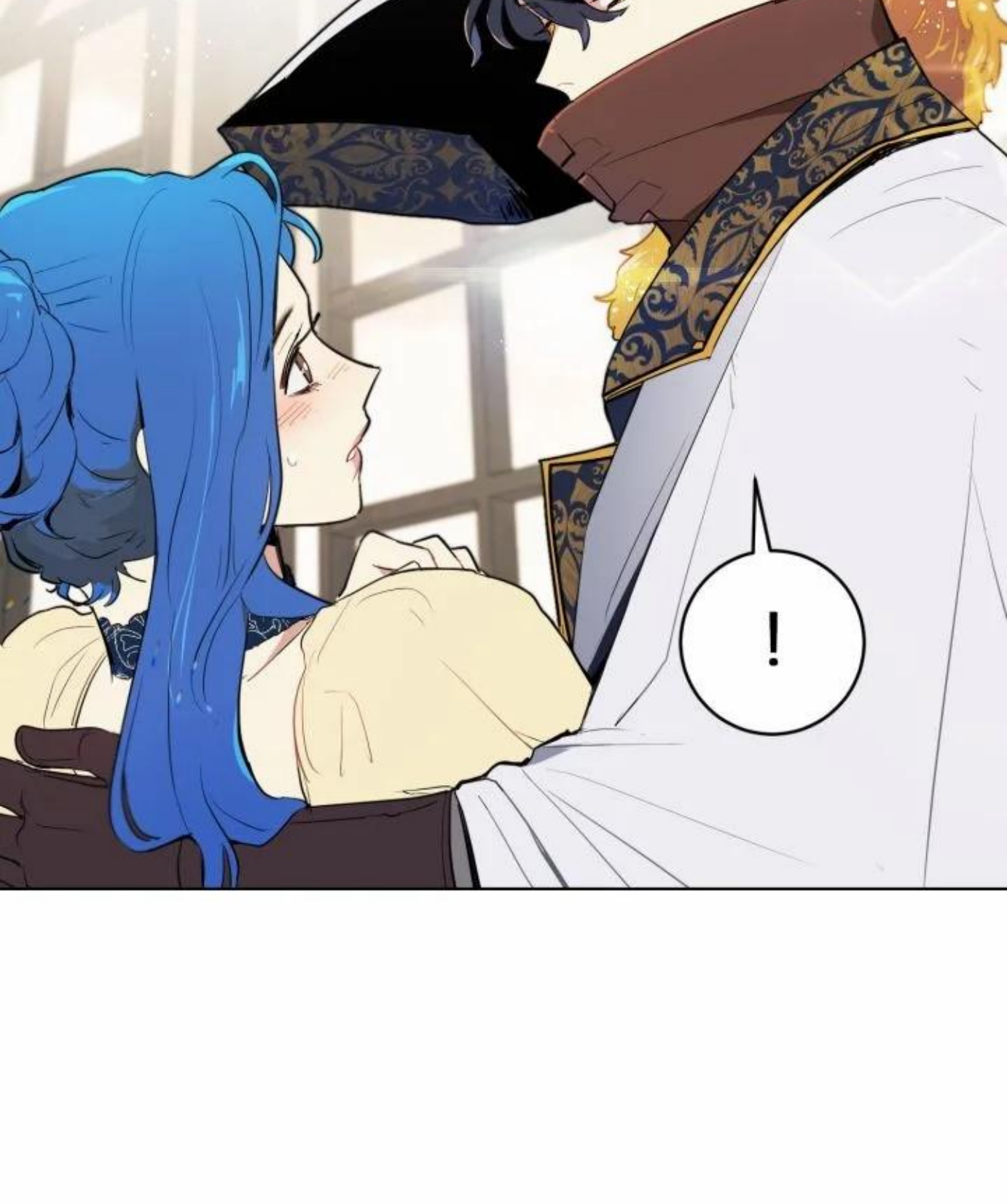
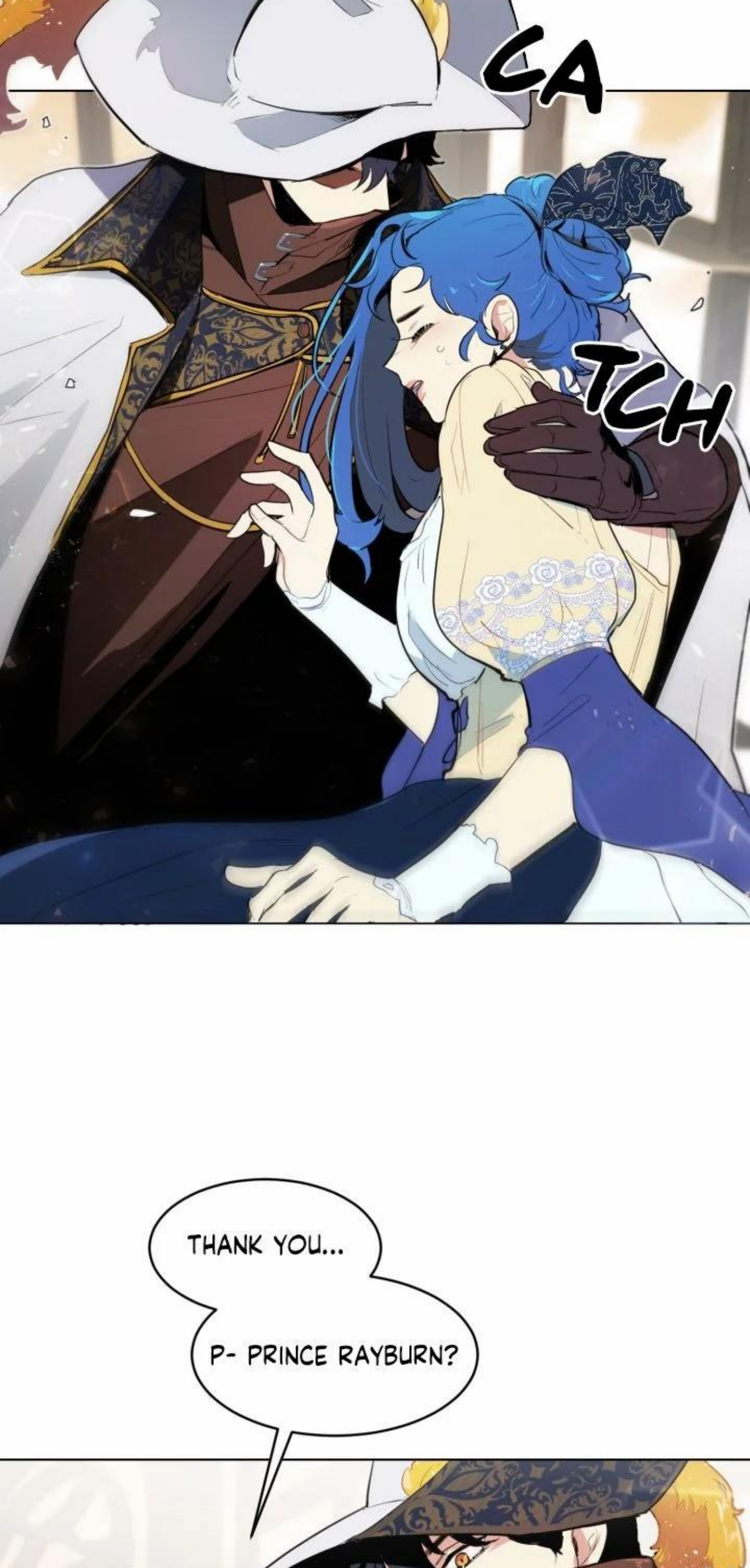


! KYAA!!



MISS GARNET!







WHERE'S MANO?  
AND THE AUTHOR? WHY  
ARE YOU ALONE?

GLOOMY

GLOOMY

I TOLD THEM TO  
COME IN TIME FOR THE  
BANQUET SO THEY CAN AVOID  
THE OTHER NOBLES AS MUCH  
AS POSSIBLE.

WOAH, SO OUR LITTLE  
RAYBURN CAME TO THE  
PALACE ALL ALONE??

HOW'D YOU MANAGE?  
WERE THE PEOPLE'S GAZES NOT  
AS BAD AS YOU THOU-

SEEMS LIKE  
THE AUTHOR ISN'T  
THE ISSUE HERE.

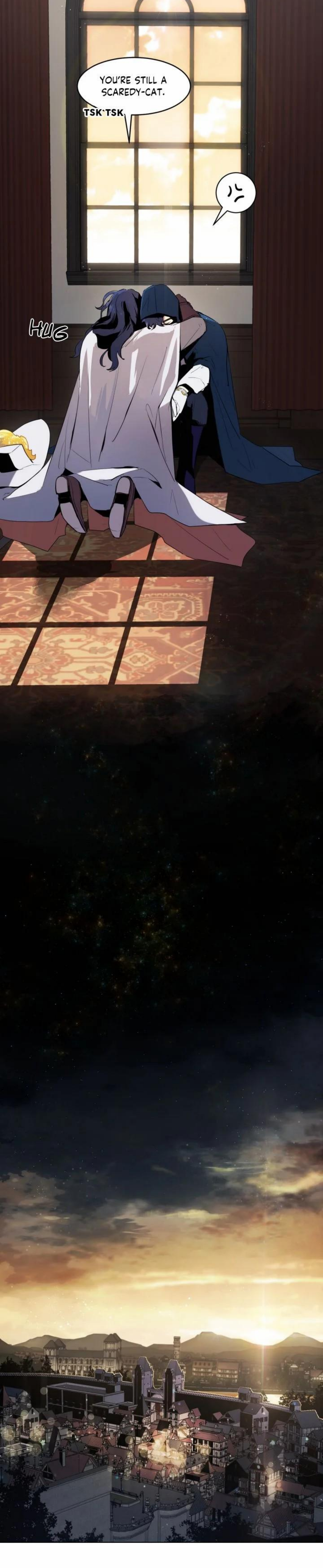
HA.

YOU'RE STILL A  
SCAREDY-CAT.

TSK TSK

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HUG







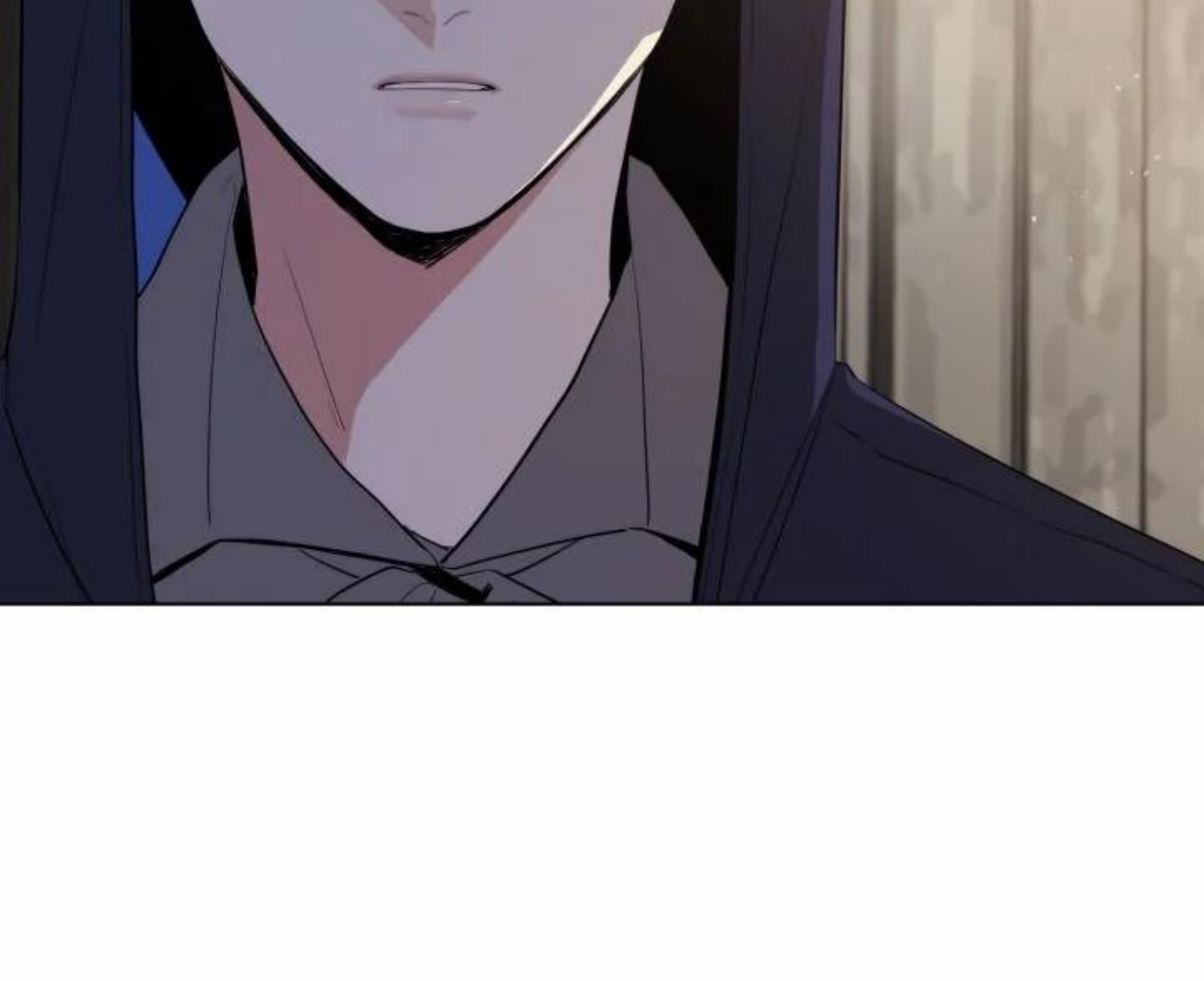
I WANTED TO AT LEAST BE ALONE WHEN I'M COMING OUT FOR FRESH AIR...

I WAS HOPING TO BE ALONE WHEN I'M JUST STEPPING OUT FOR SOME AIR, AT LEAST...

(CAUGHT)

MY APOLOGIES. BUT GUARDING YOU IS MY DUTY, PRINCE FERDERIC.

...ARE...



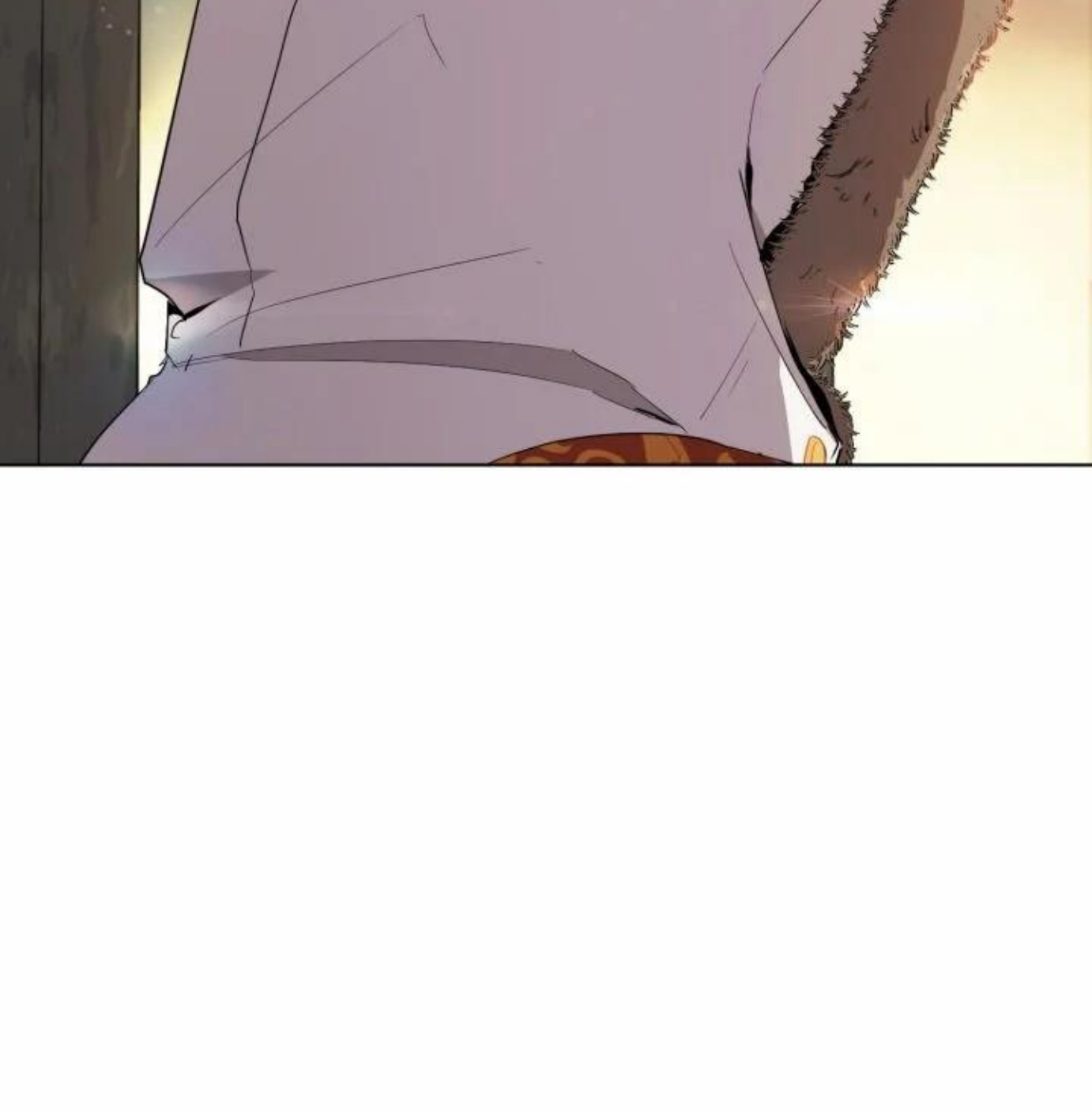
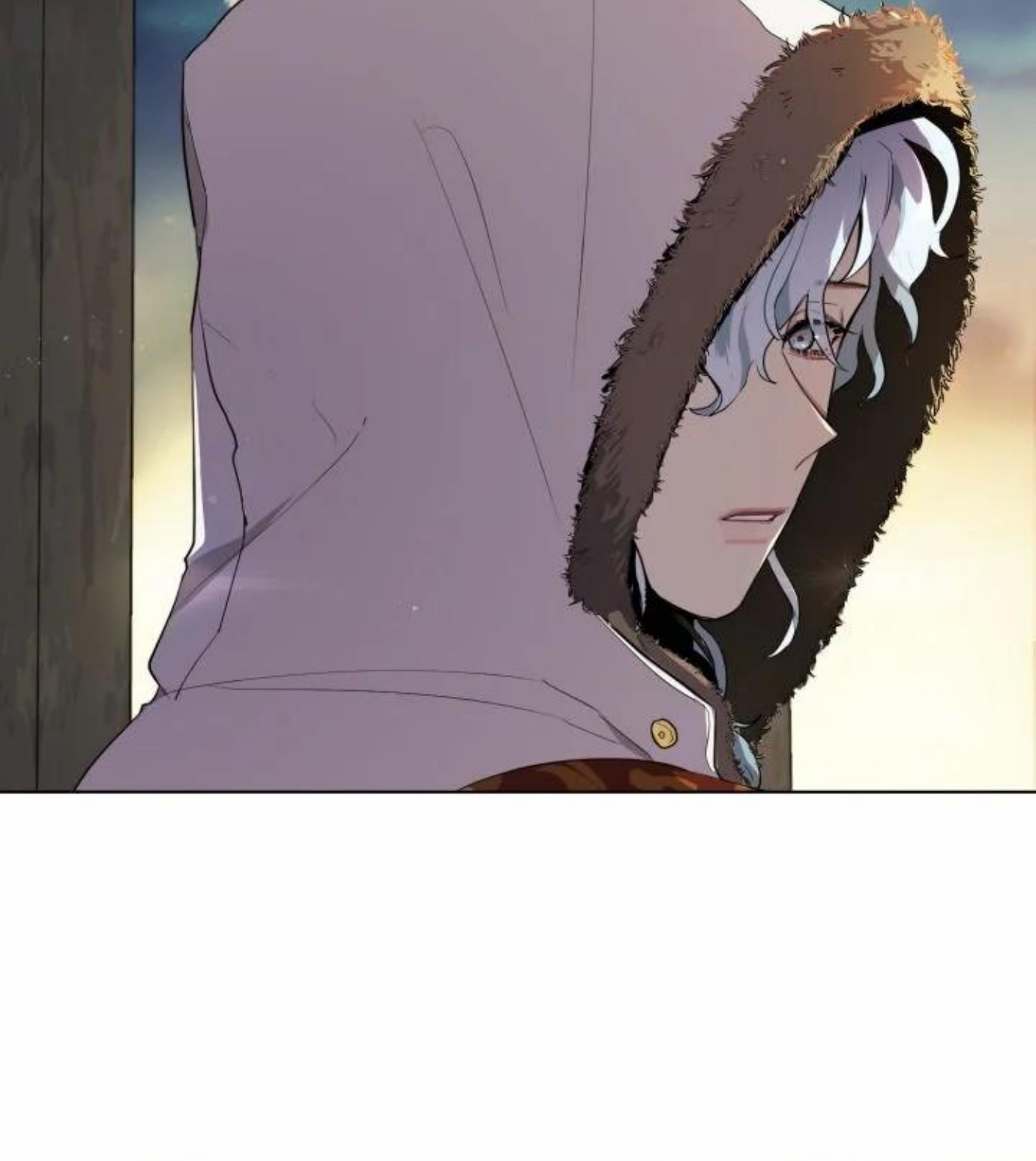
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

THIS ONE PHRASE...

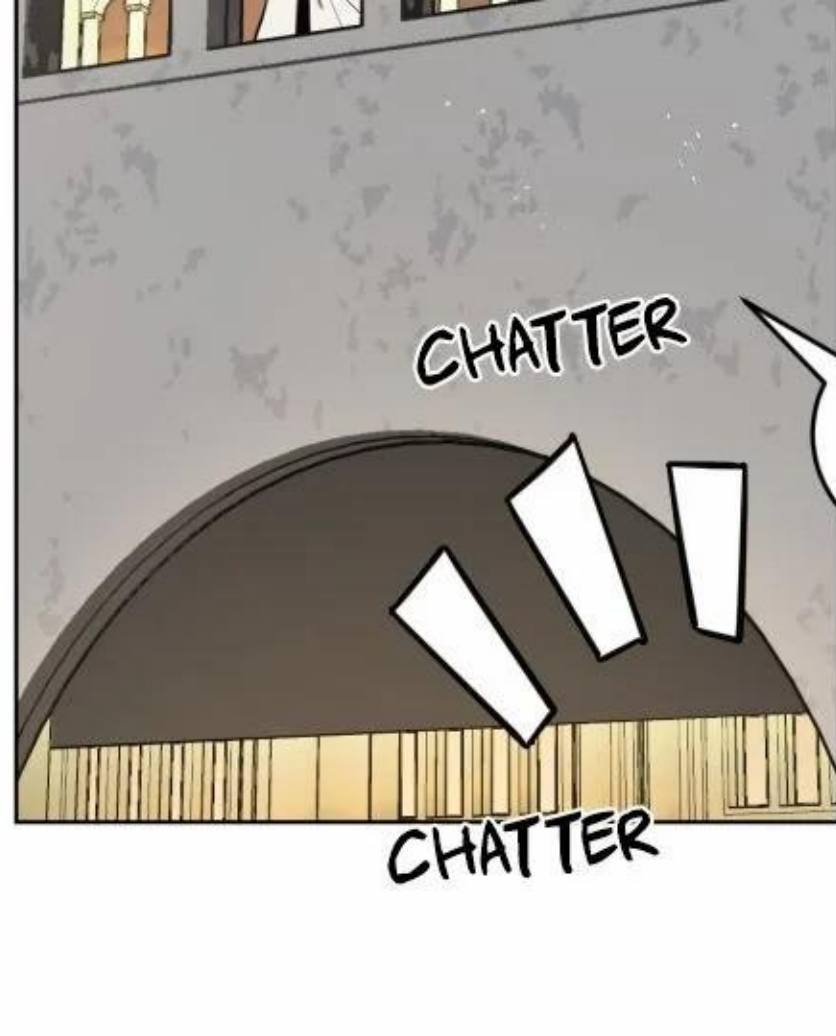


IT'S JUST ONE PHRASE, YET...

EVERYONE WILL START LOOKING FOR YOU IF YOU'RE OUT FOR TOO LONG.







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EXCUSE ME,  
SIR... THE BANQUET  
IS STARTING SOON, SO  
WE MUST CLOSE  
THE DOORS...

PLEASE WAIT  
JUST A LITTLE  
LONGER...

GAH...

MISS ANGELA...



TAP

TAP

(LOST)

WHERE  
AM I?

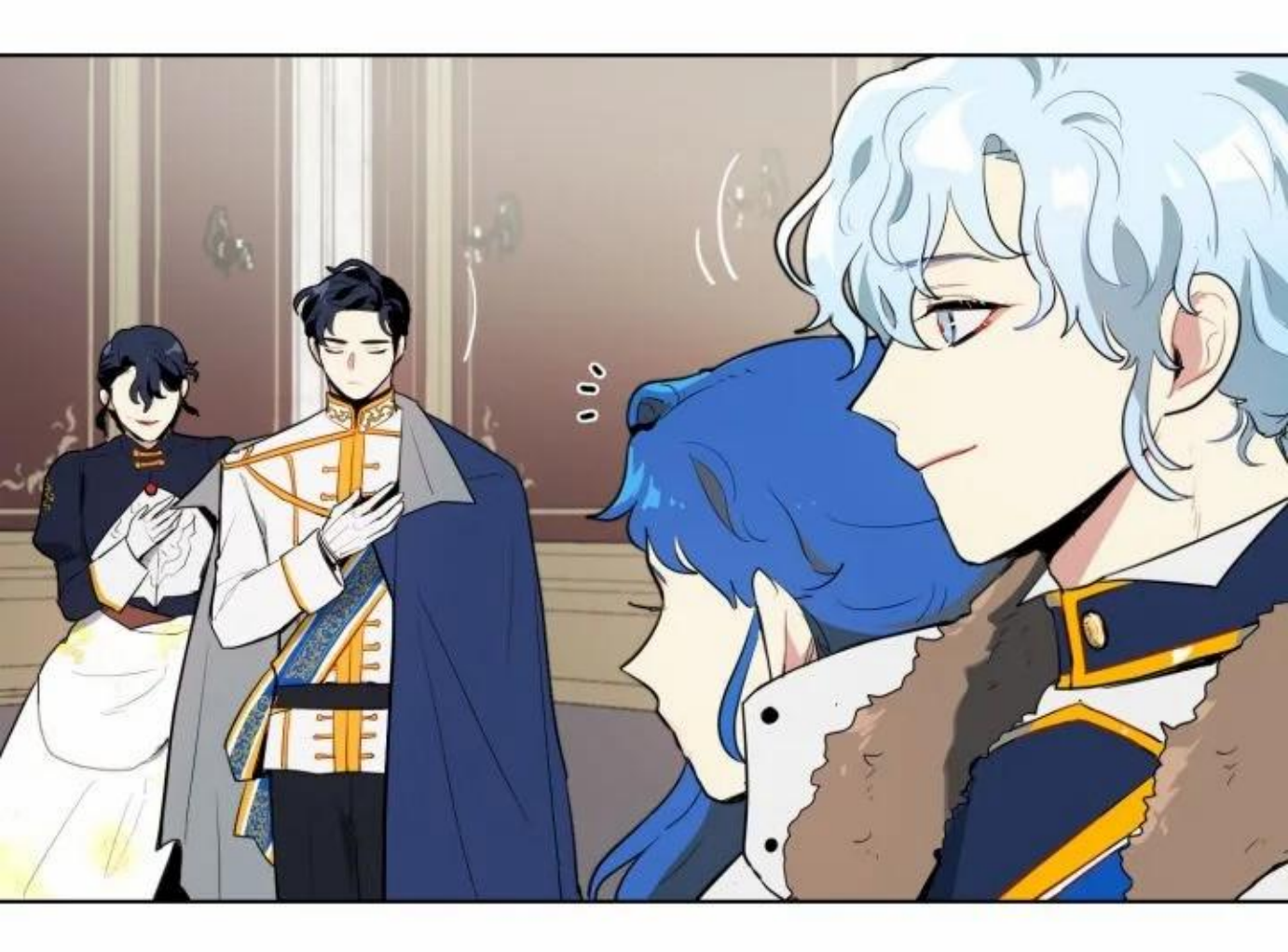
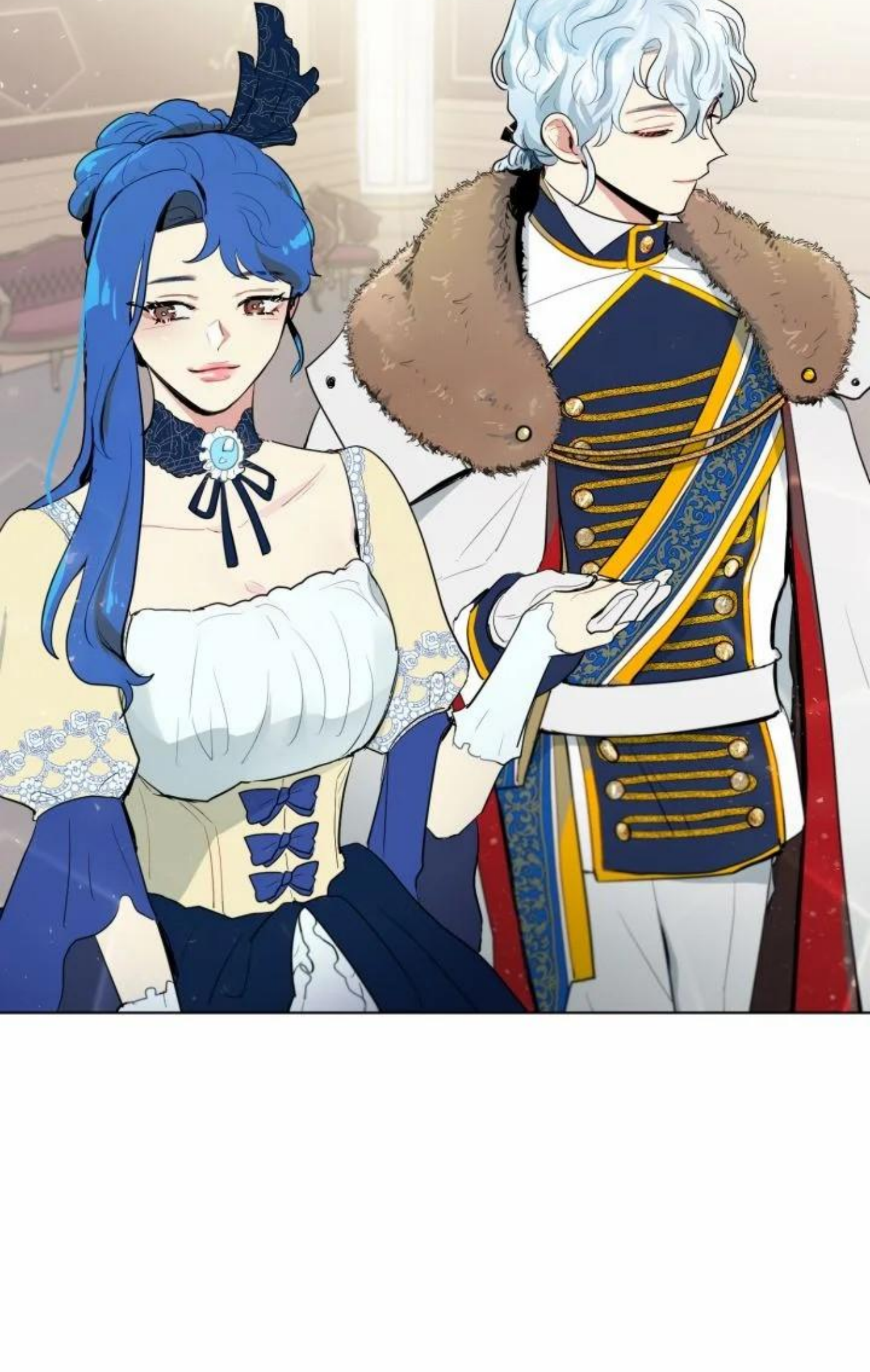
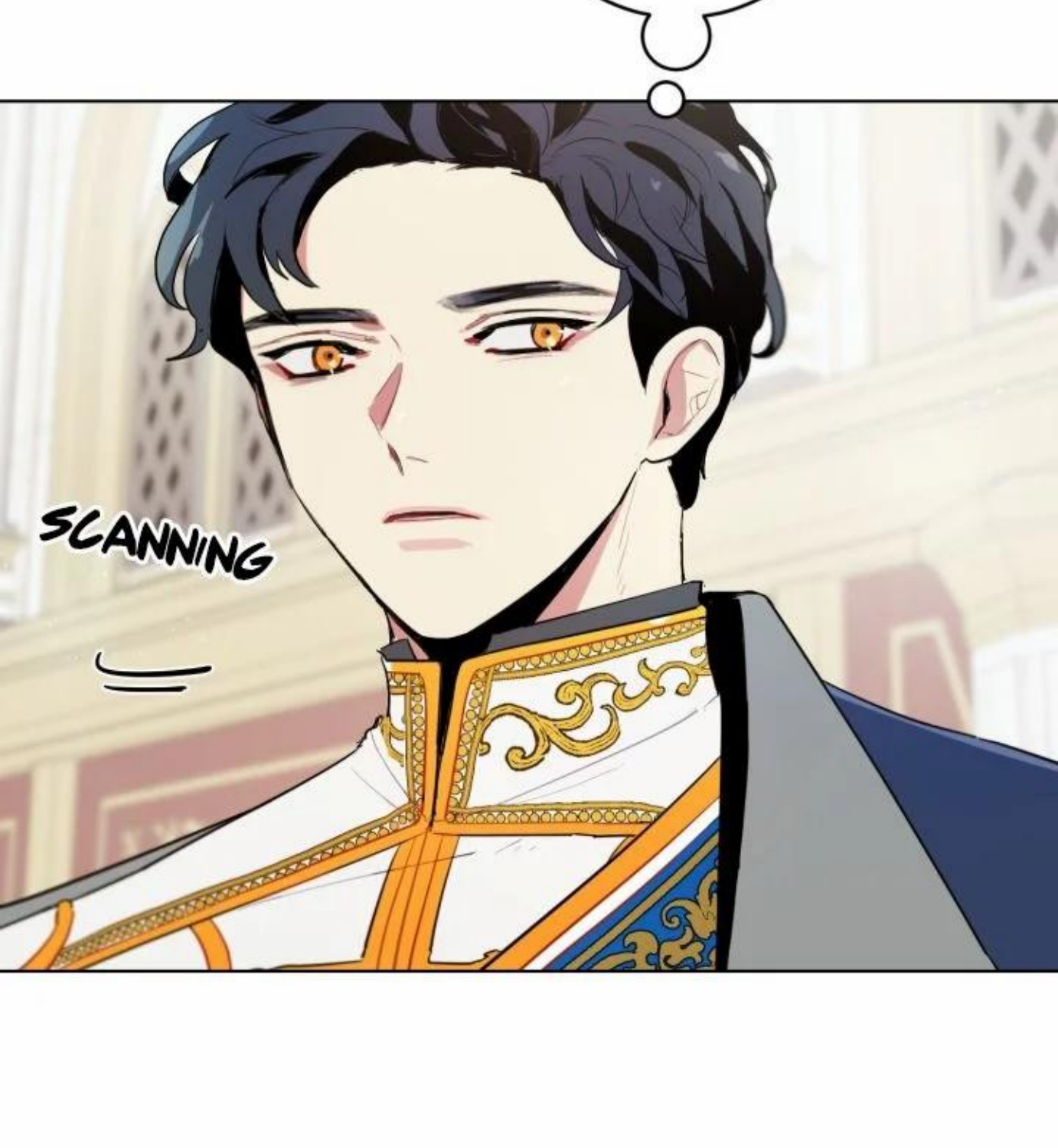
CRACKLE

AH.

THERE ARE  
FIREWORKS.

BOOM







PRINCE  
RAYBURN...

ACTING ALL TOUGH  
JUST BECAUSE OTHERS ARE  
WATCHING. HOW CUTE.



??  
THAT WOMAN...  
SHE'S FROM EARLIER,  
AT THE STAIRS?

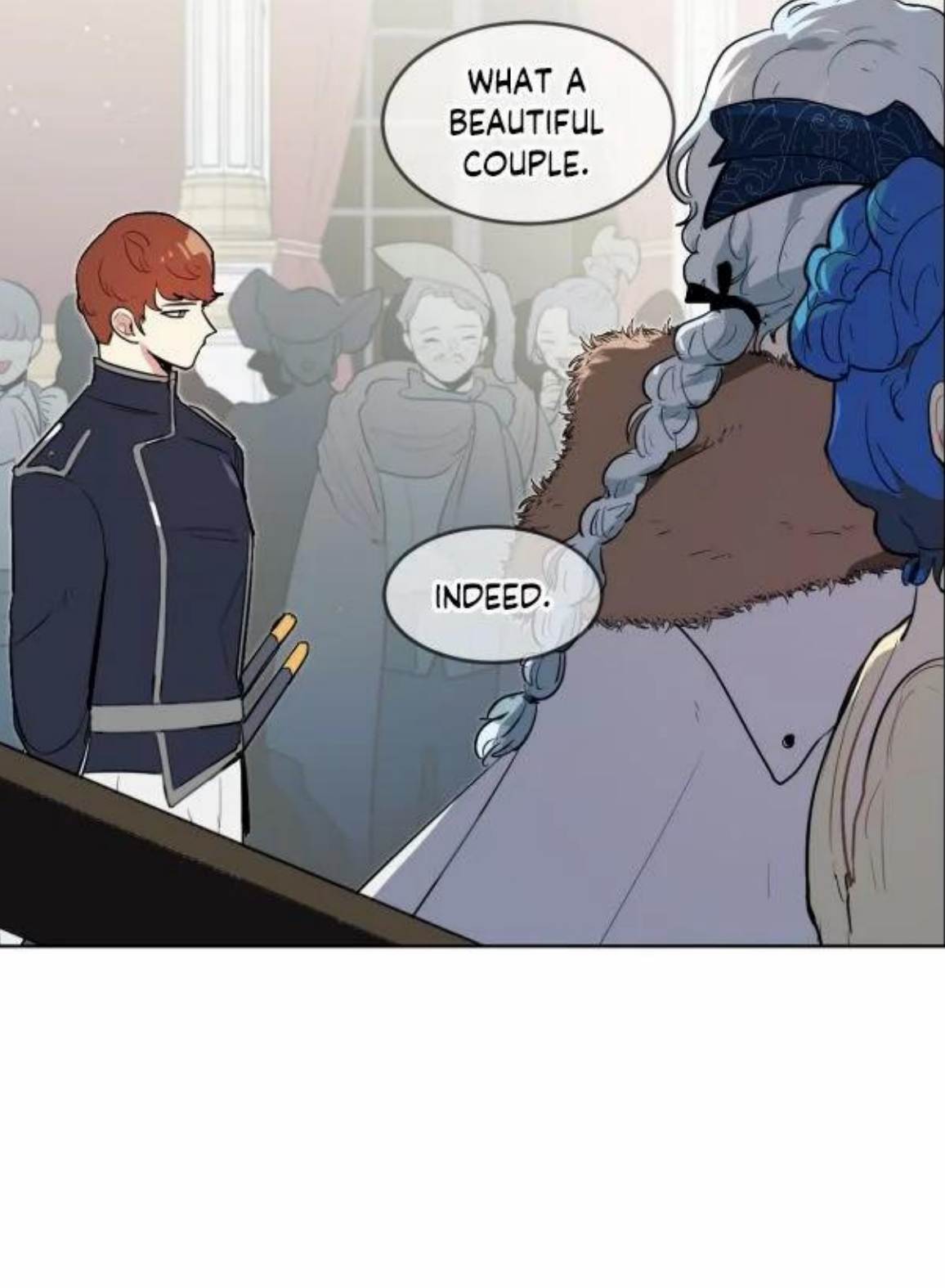
SHIT, LOOKS  
LIKE I'VE MADE  
A MISTAKE.

YOUR HIGHNESS,  
IT'S TIME TO ANNOUNCE  
THE START OF THE  
BANQUET.

STEP

WHAT A  
BEAUTIFUL  
COUPLE.

INDEED.



BEFORE WE BEGIN,  
I'D LIKE TO PERSONALLY  
THANK EVERYONE,

ESPECIALLY,



THE TWO MEMBERS OF  
THE ESPELINDO FAMILY WHO  
LED OUR NATION TO VICTORY.  
THANK YOU FOR ACCEPTING  
THE INVITATION.



CLAP

CLAP

MURMUR

MURMUR

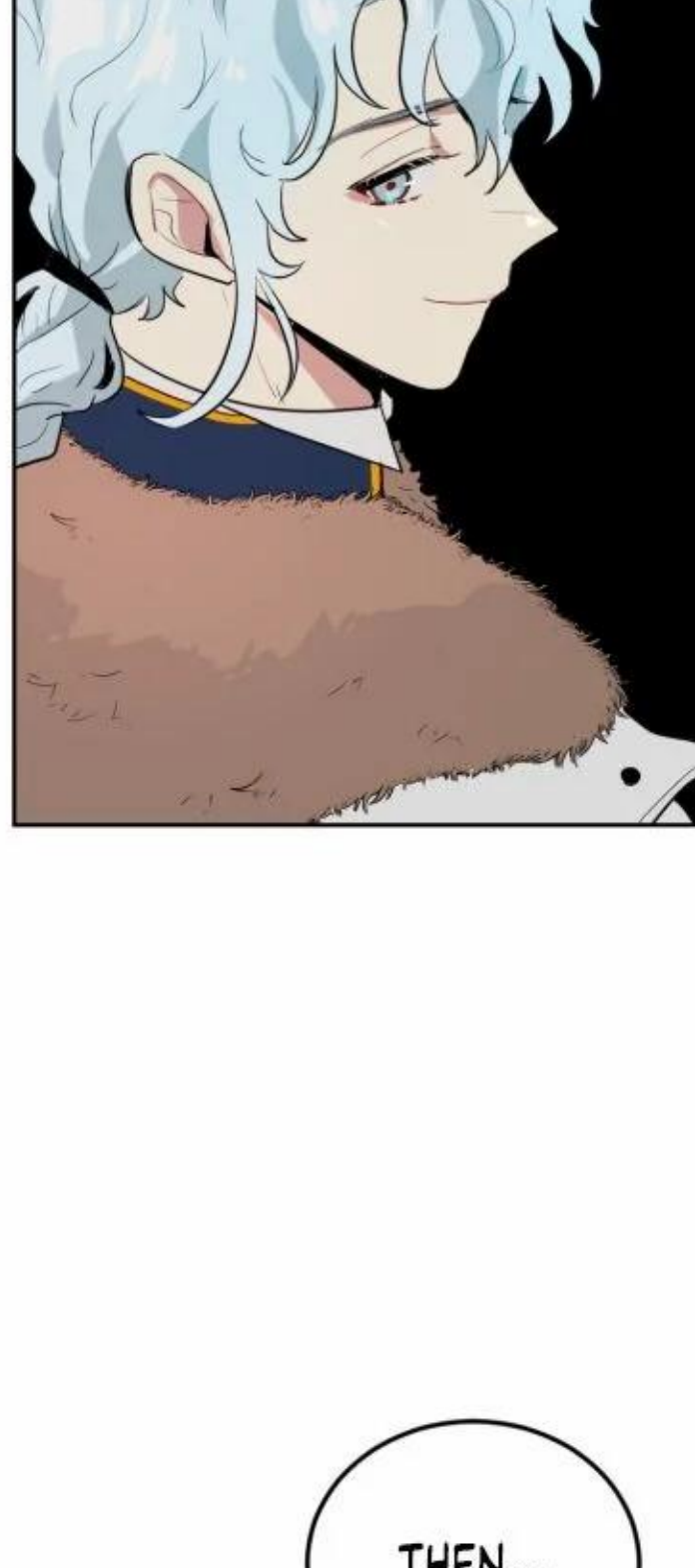
THINGS ARE  
DIFFERENT NOW.

WHISPER



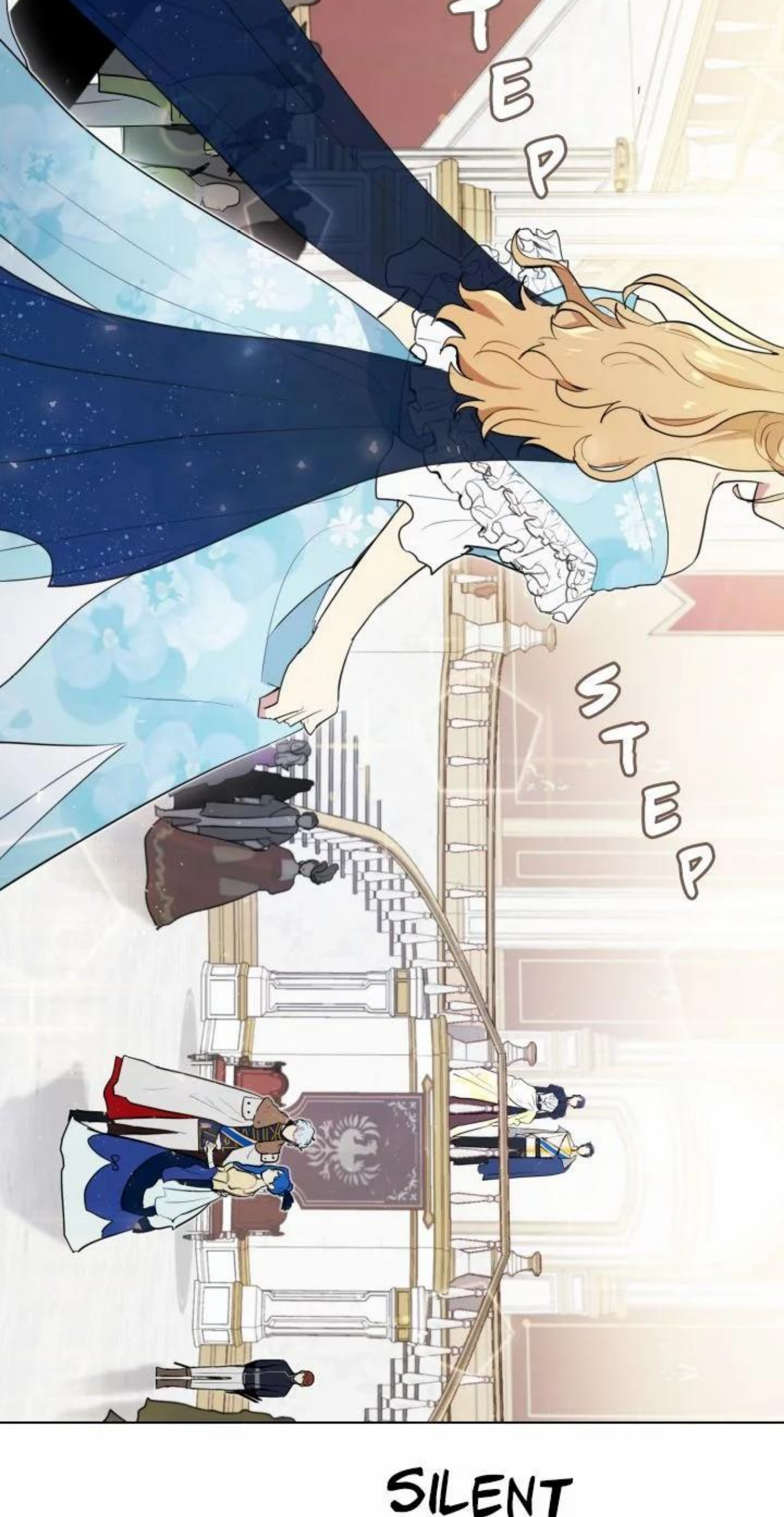
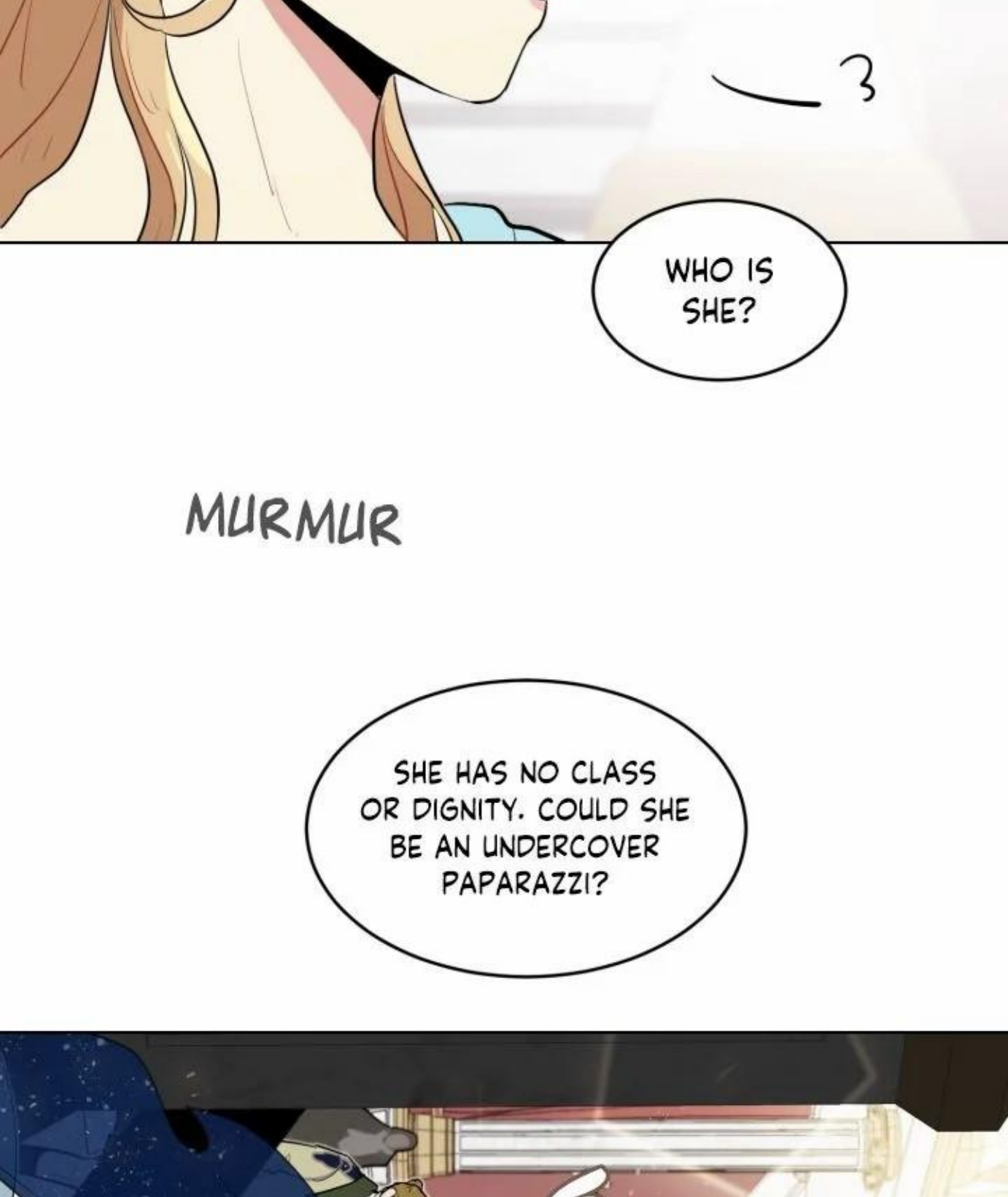
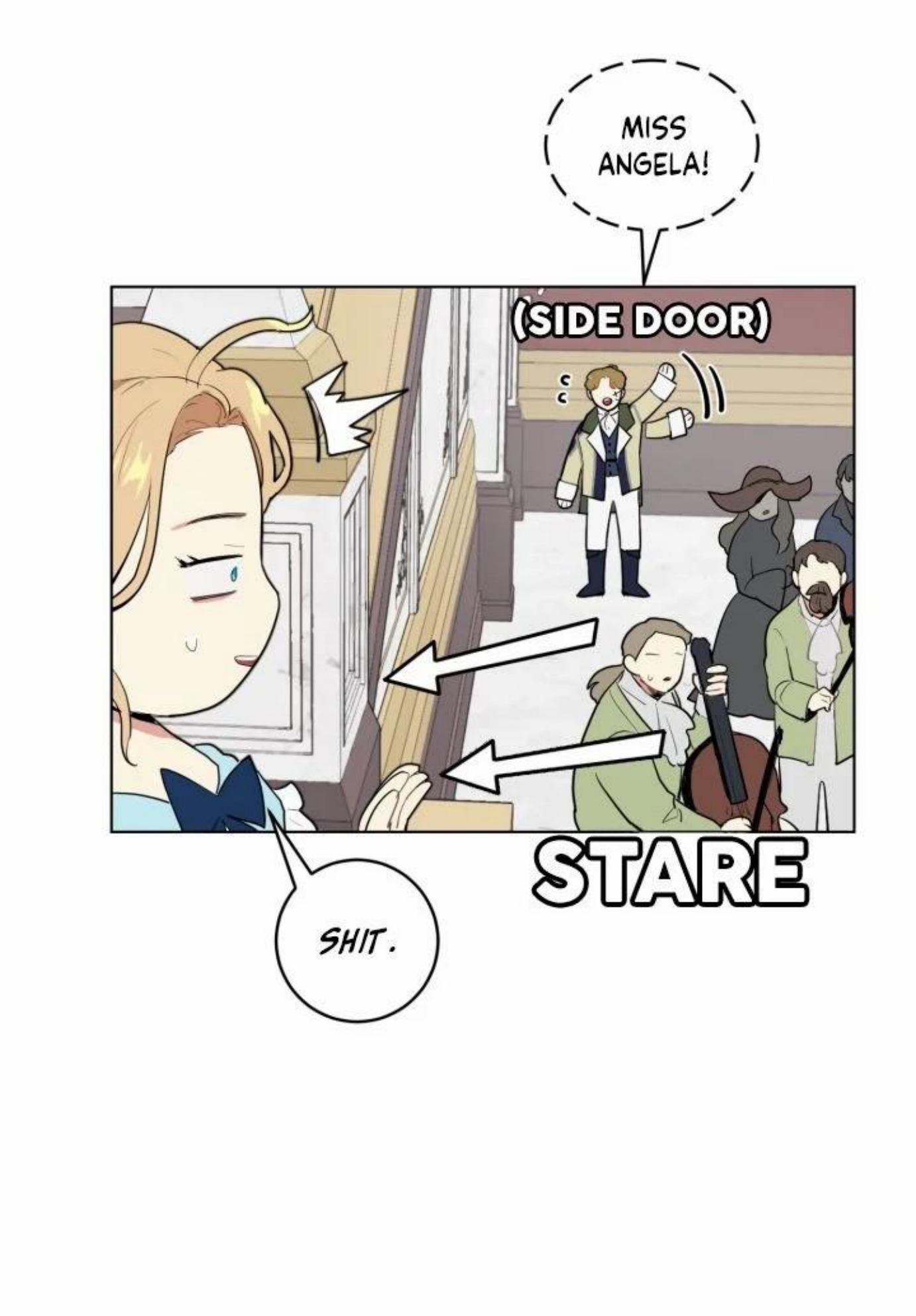
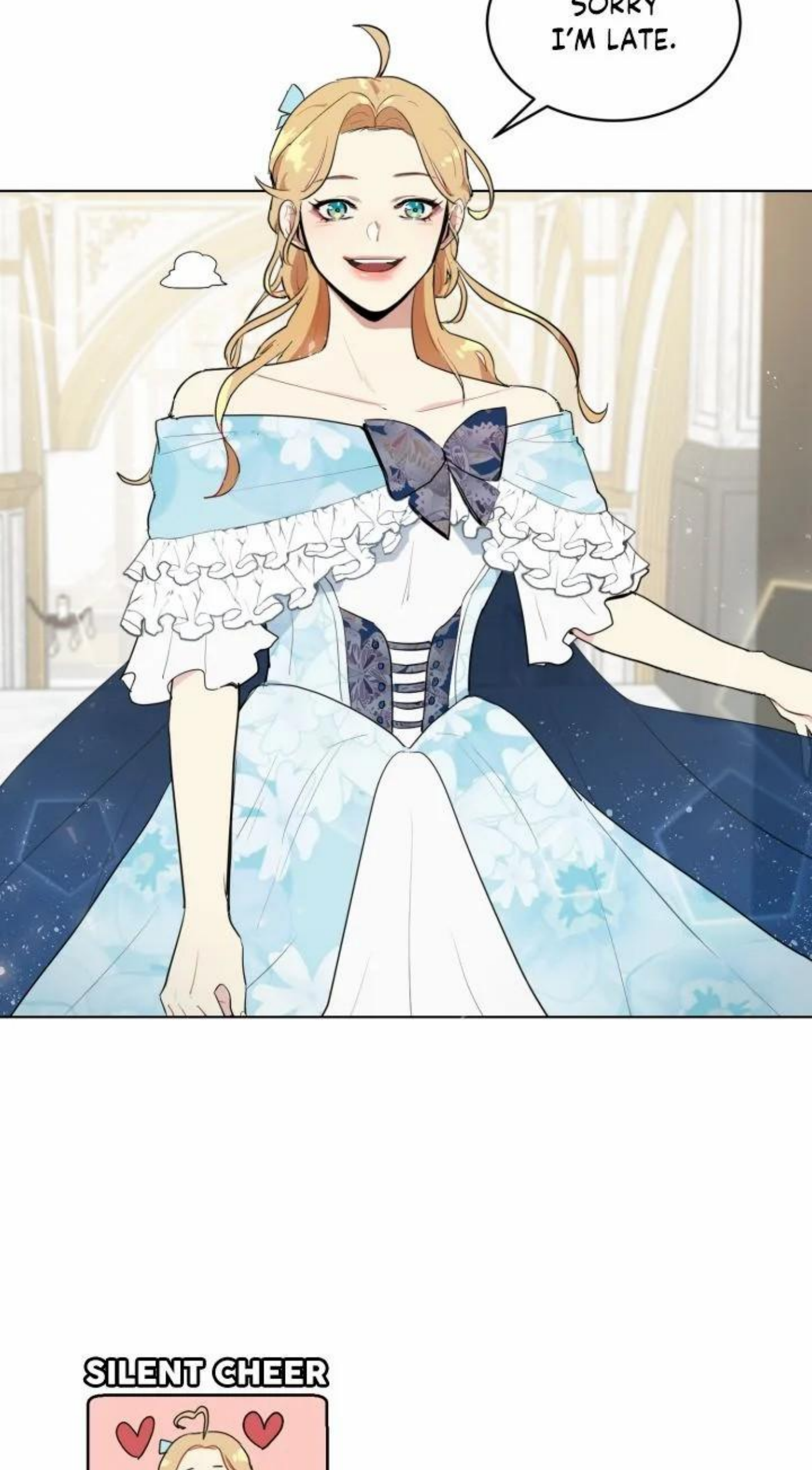
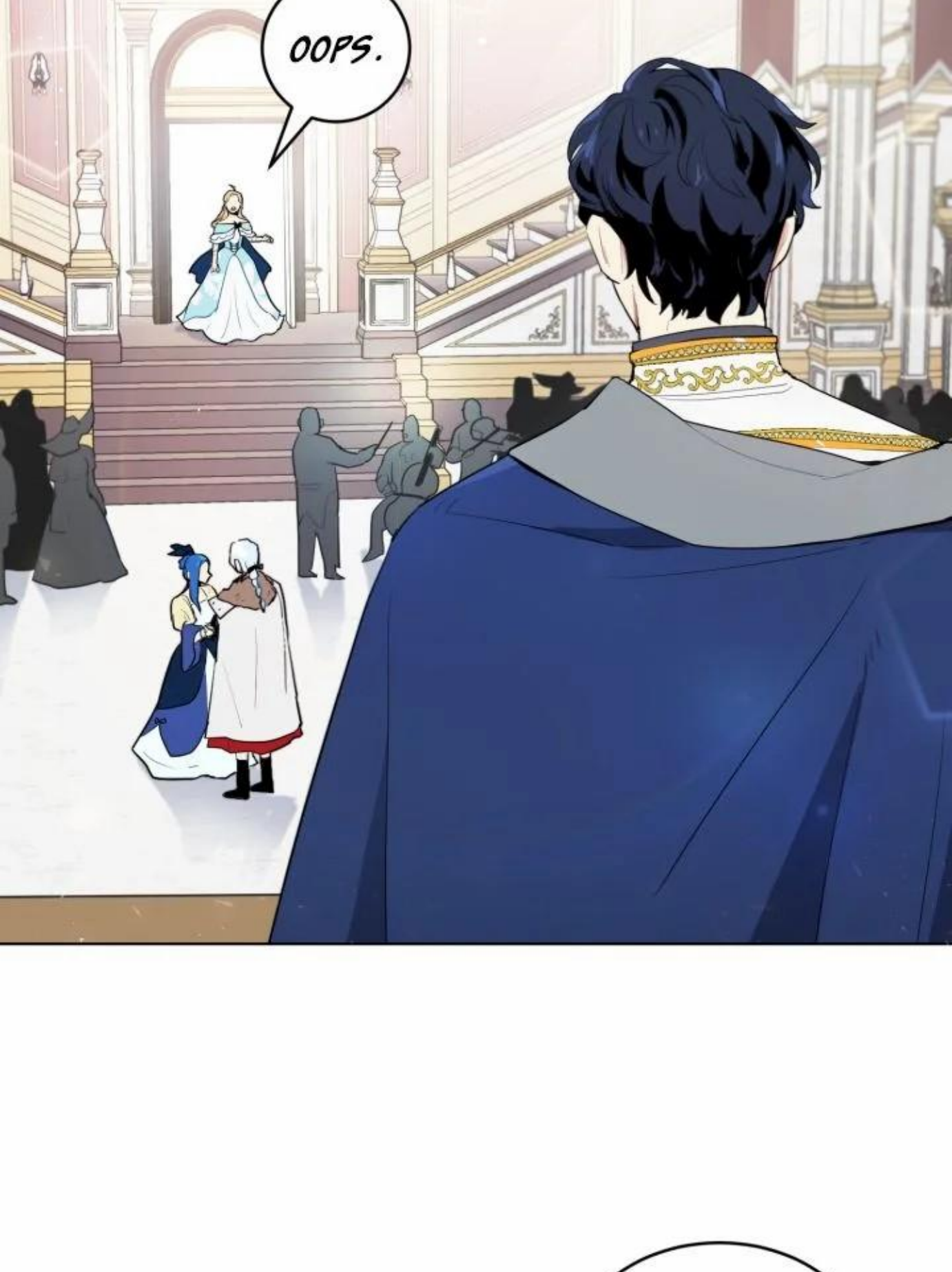
DON'T  
COWER.



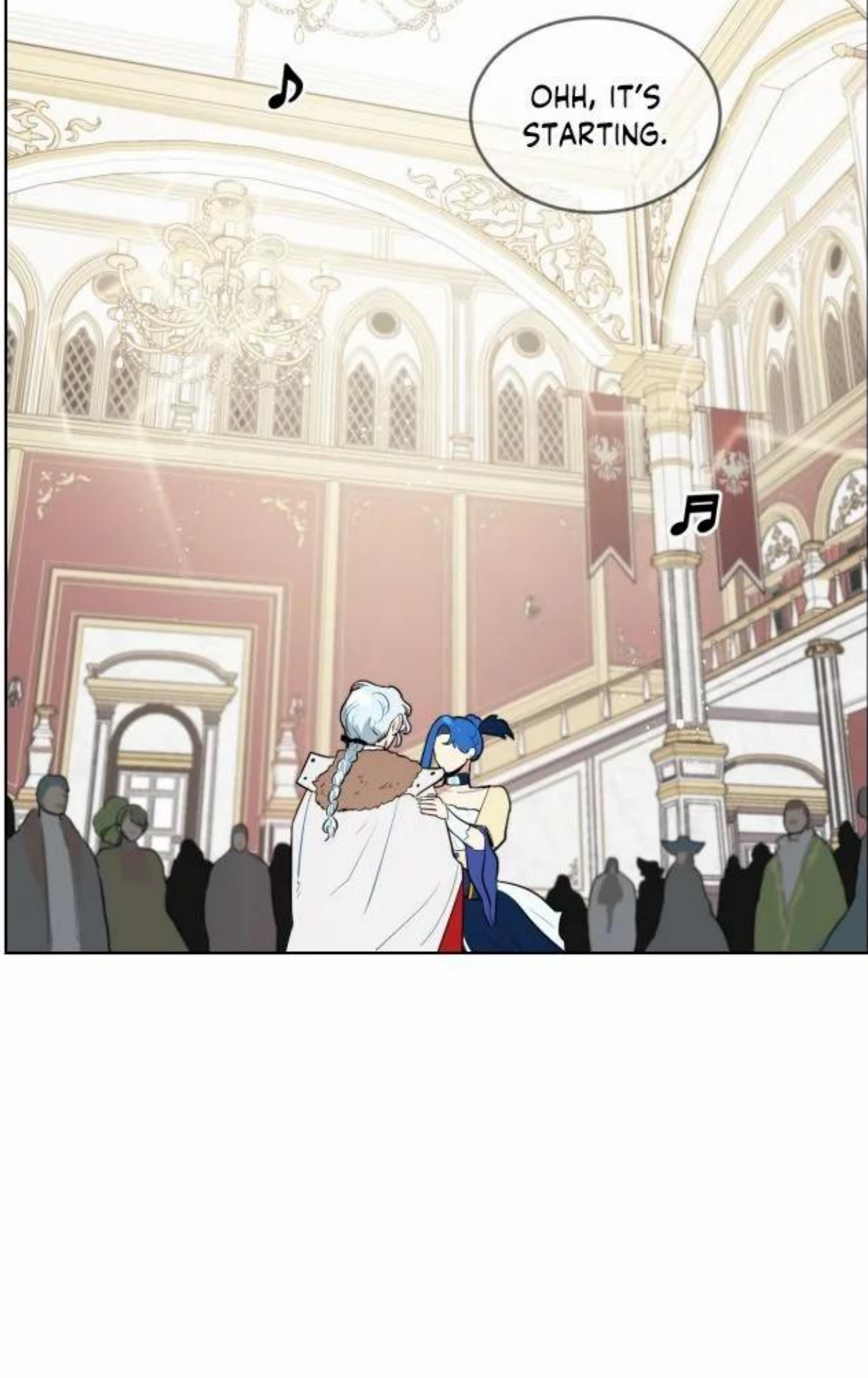
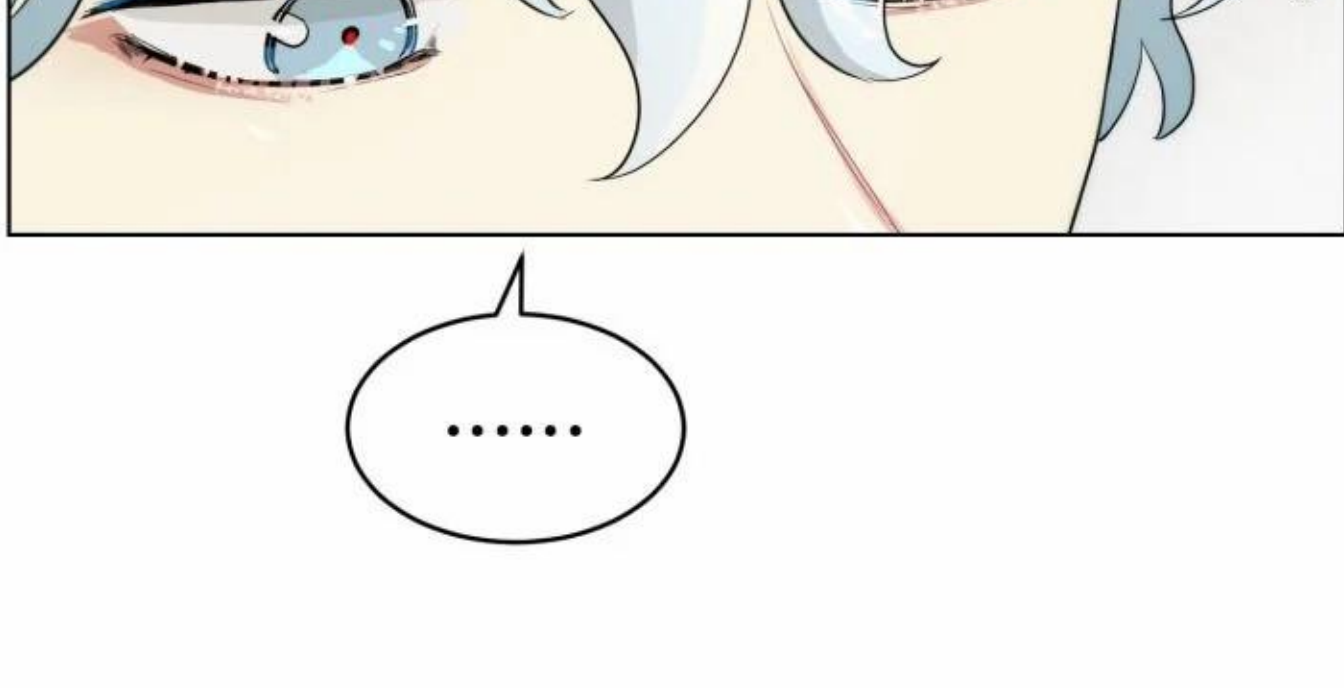
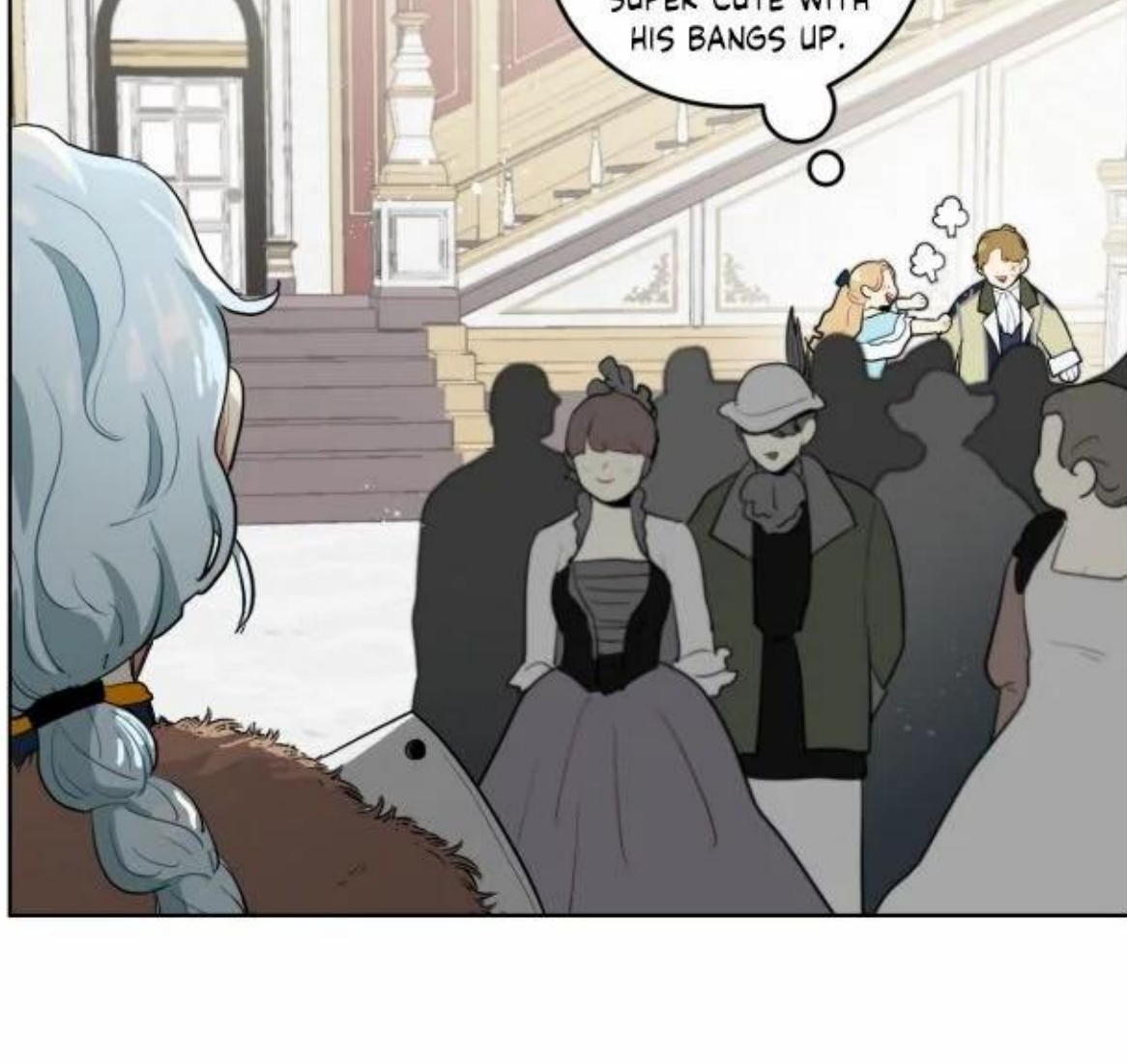


THEN...

**SLAM**







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YOU WERE AMAZING BACK THERE, MISS ANGELA. MOST PEOPLE WOULD'VE BEEN TREMBLING.

YOU ALSO SEEM COOLER THAN USUAL TODAY, SIR MANO!

ANYWAYS, THIS PLACE IS SO LUXURIOUS.

I WONDER HOW IT'D FEEL DANCING WITH THE PRINCE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?



OH MY.

ISN'T THAT DUKE RAYBURN'S KNIGHT?

SCURRY

ACK!



DO YOU THINK I LOOK WEIRD?

HUH?! NO, WHY?

WE'RE THE ONLY ONES ALONE.



THAT WOULD BE MY FAULT.

THE DUKE TOLD ME IT'D BE BEST NOT TO LET YOU INTERACT WITH THE OTHER NOBLES IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.



WHAT THE... I STUDIED SO HARD EVEN THROUGH A NOSEBLEED. AREN'T YOU UNDERESTIMATING ME TOO MUCH,

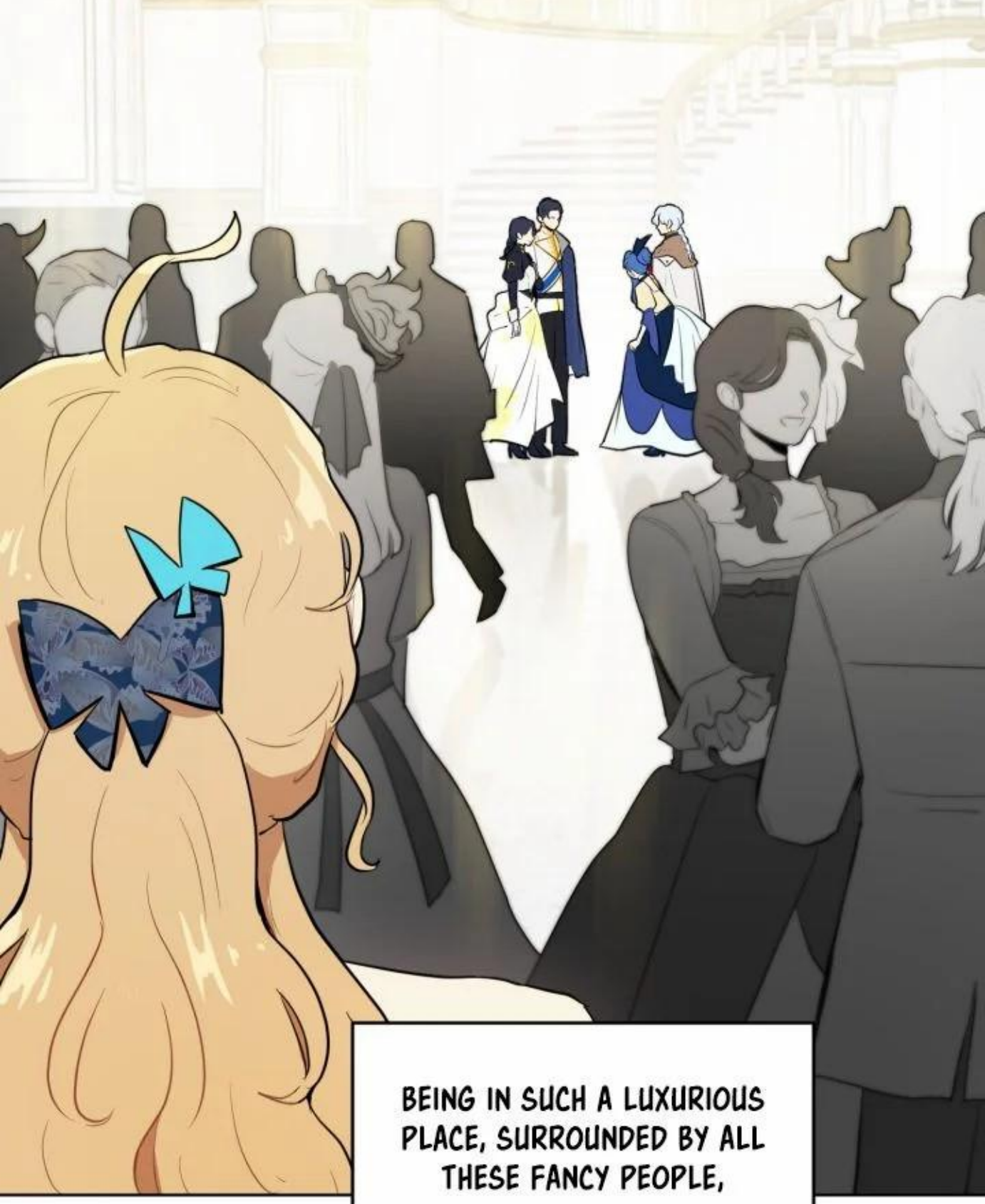
I FEEL KIND OF BAD...

MY PRINCE...





...AH.



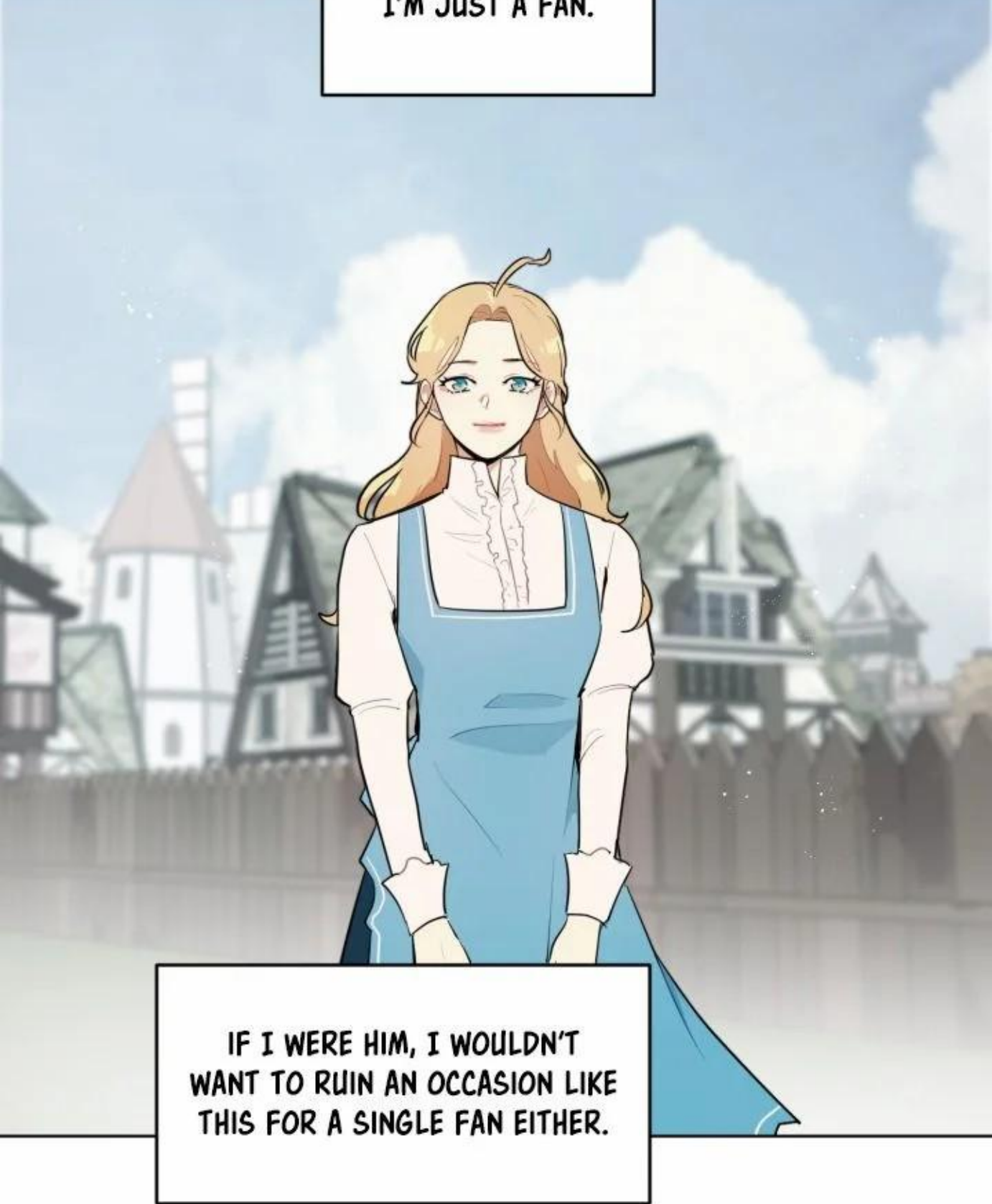
HE'S SO FAR.

BEING IN SUCH A LUXURIOUS PLACE, SURROUNDED BY ALL THESE FANCY PEOPLE,

REALLY SHOWS THE DISTANCE BETWEEN US.



OH YEAH.  
I'M JUST A FAN.



IF I WERE HIM, I WOULDN'T WANT TO RUIN AN OCCASION LIKE THIS FOR A SINGLE FAN EITHER.

FORGET DANCING,  
I NEED TO GET A HOLD OF MYSELF...



RAYBURN,  
COME HERE. WE  
NEED TO TALK.



FLINCH

SIR MANO,  
LET'S GET SOME  
FOOD!

HM?  
ALRIGHT.

AWKWARD

...?



I NEED TO GET IT TOGETHER.



IT'S A RELIEF THAT PEOPLE AREN'T PAYING AS MUCH ATTENTION TO THE SCHOLAR AS I EXPECTED.

IF SHE CONTINUES TO LAY LOW LIKE THIS, THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY PROBLEMS.

WHAT IS SHE DOING ALL OF A SUDDEN?

(CAN'T STOP WORRYING)

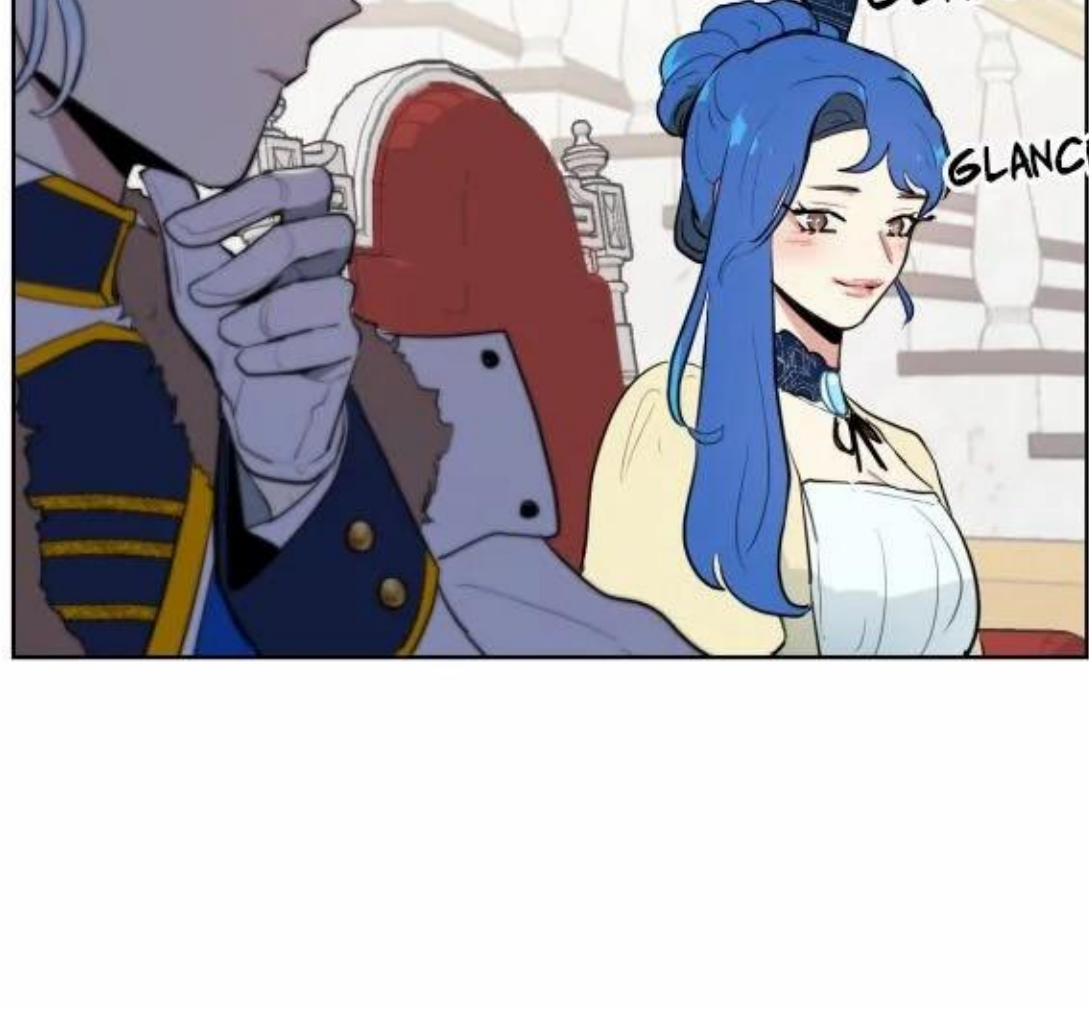


SO EARLIER...

.....



AH... SHIT. WHAT HAPPENED AT THE STAIRS IS TOO COMPLICATED. I'LL TELL HIM ABOUT IT LATER.



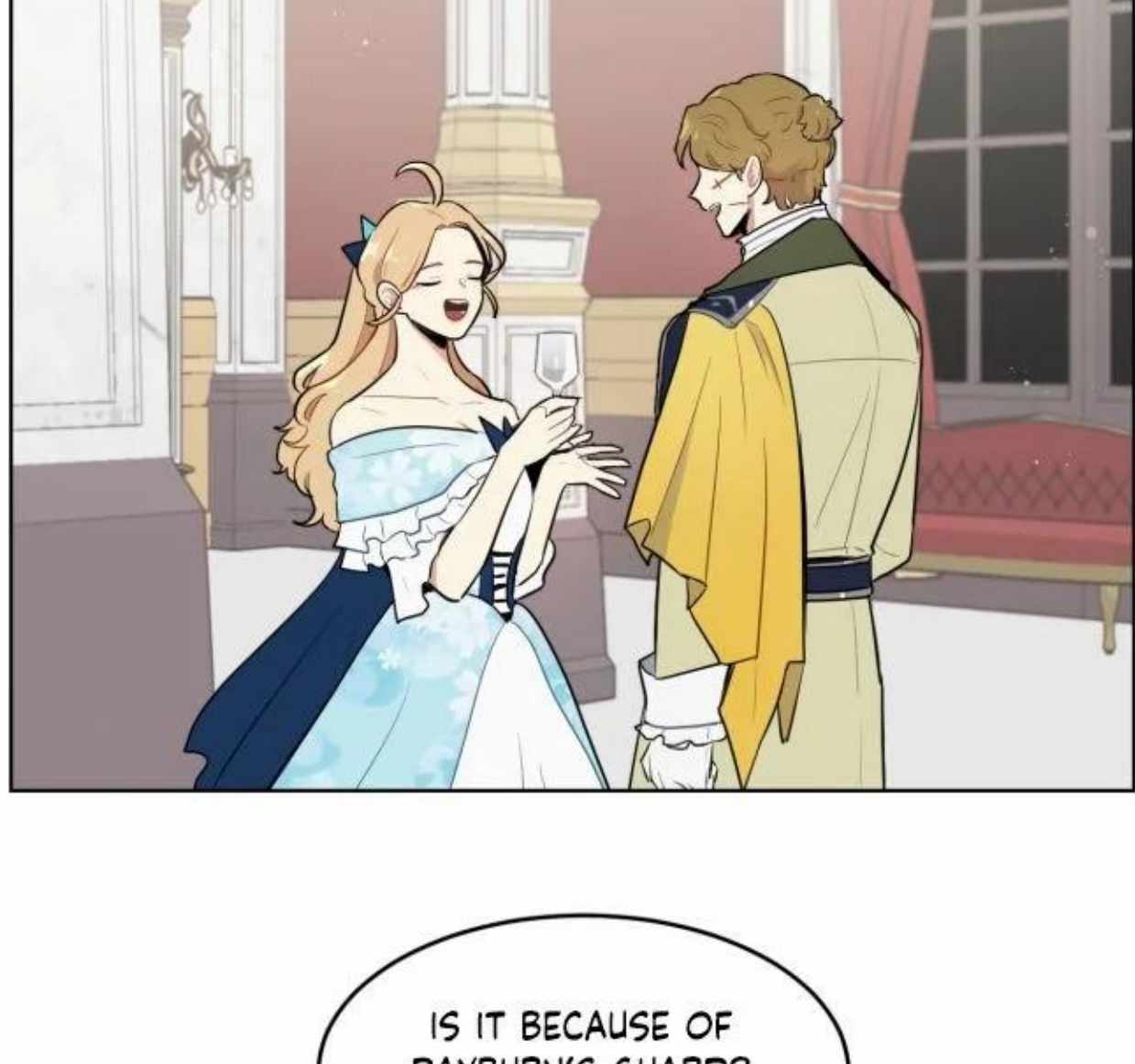
GLANCE

GLANCE



...I WANTED TO OBSERVE HER ACTIONS FIRST TO SEE WHAT KIND OF PERSON SHE IS,

BUT THERE'S NO ONE AROUND THEM... AT THIS RATE, I WON'T BE ABLE TO TELL...



IS IT BECAUSE OF RAYBURN'S GUARD? HOW BOTHERSOME.



NOD

||

EARLIER?

...THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN WONDERING ABOUT SINCE EARLIER.



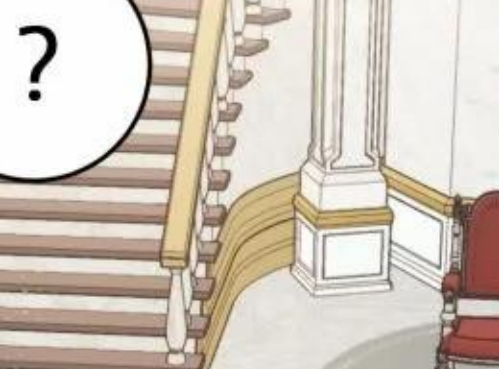
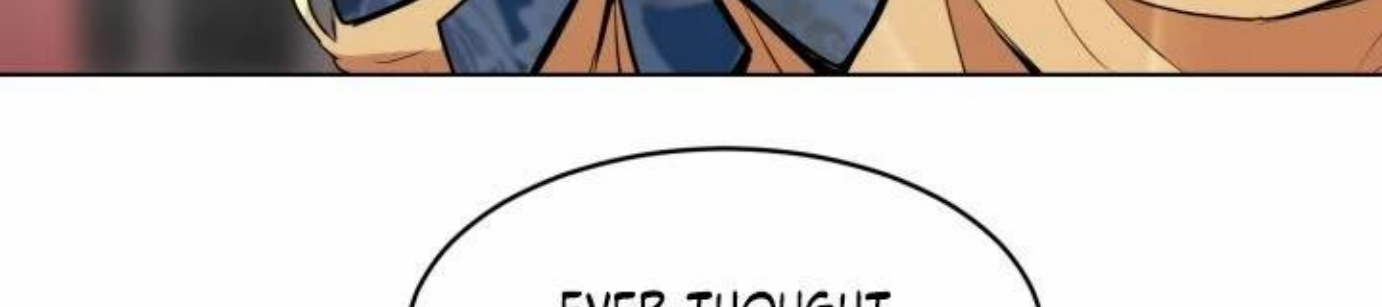
HAVE YOU BECOME ATTACHED TO THE SCHOLAR?

?

I'M SURE I WARNED YOU NOT TO.









STEP

PRINCE FERDERIC.



OH MY,  
COULD IT BE...

MURMUR



RAYBURN,  
THIS...



MY LADY, MAY I  
HAVE THIS DANCE?



IT WOULD BE  
RUDE OF ME TO LEAVE  
A BEAUTY LIKE YOURSELF  
STANDING ALONE IN A  
CORNER OF THIS  
BANQUET HALL.



THE CROWN  
PRINCE??



ISN'T THIS THE FIRST  
TIME HE'S ASKED SOMEONE  
FOR A DANCE?

MURMUR

WHO IS THAT  
WOMAN?



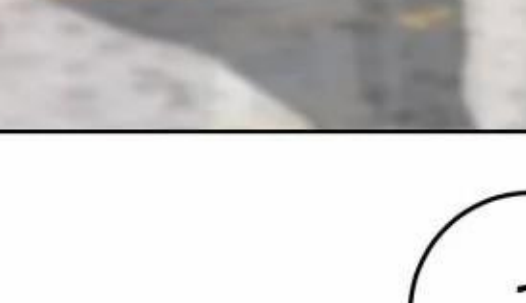


HE'S PERSONALLY ASKING HER FOR A DANCE? DOES HE REALLY NOT KNOW HER TRUE IDENTITY?



SHE PROBABLY DOESN'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO DANCE. IF SHE ENDS UP EMBARRASSING HERSELF THEN...

STEP



?  
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, IDIOT?



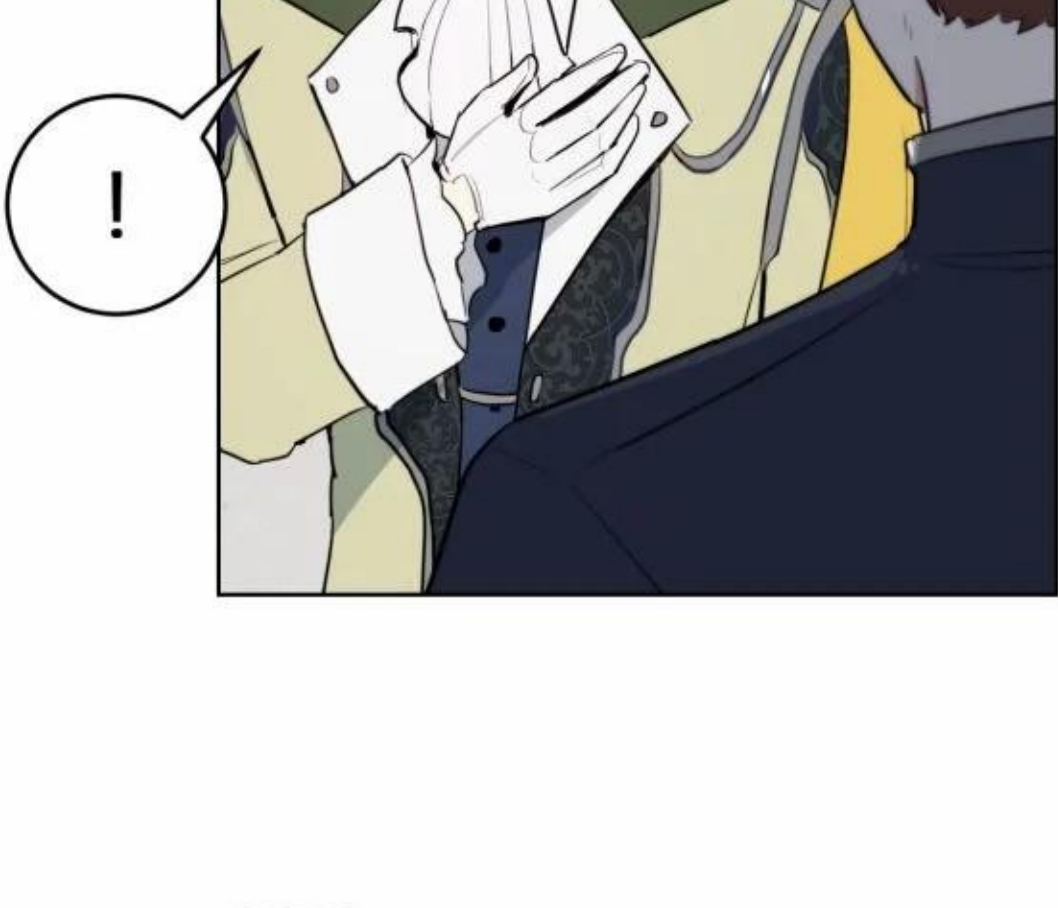
IT'S GOING TO GET WEIRD IF EVEN YOU GO UP TOO.



EVEN PRINCE RAYBURN?

EXCUSE ME YOUR HIGHNESS, BUT...

YOU SHOULD KNOW



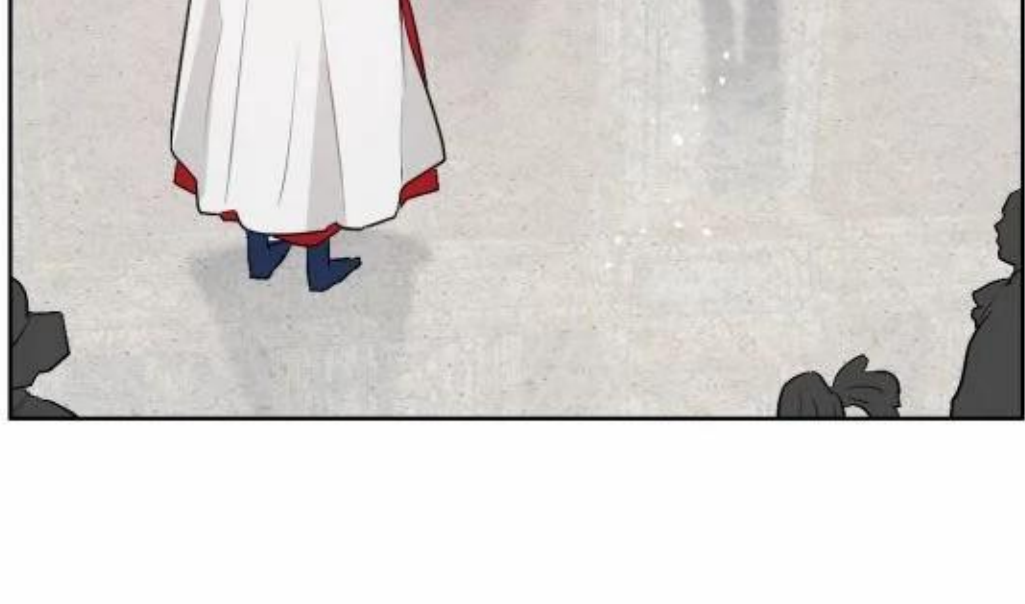
MERE KNIGHTS LIKE US SHOULD NOT BE BUTTING IN.



STEP ASIDE, MANO.



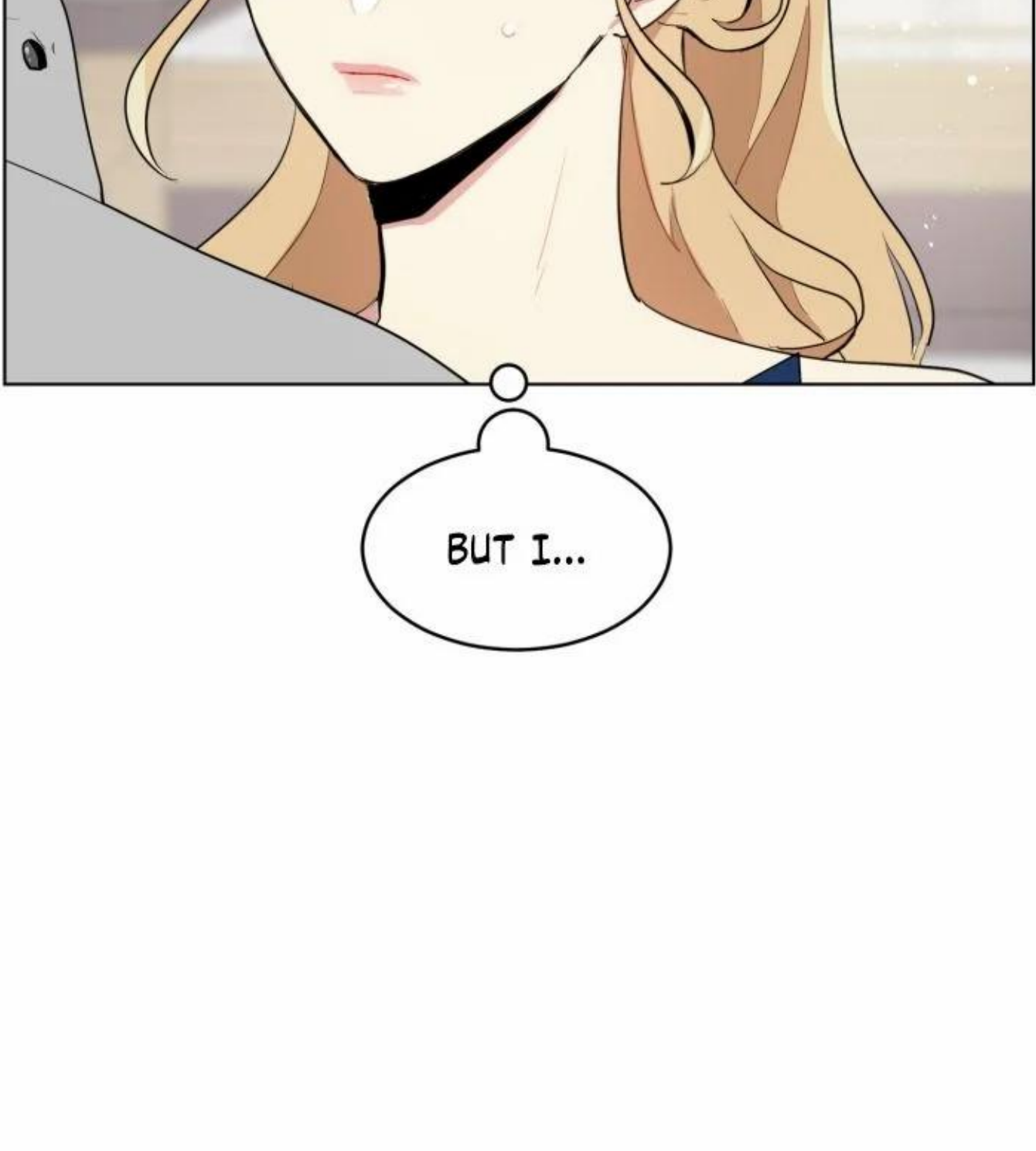
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BOW



IT WOULD BE STRANGE  
TO DECLINE THE CROWN  
PRINCE'S REQUEST.



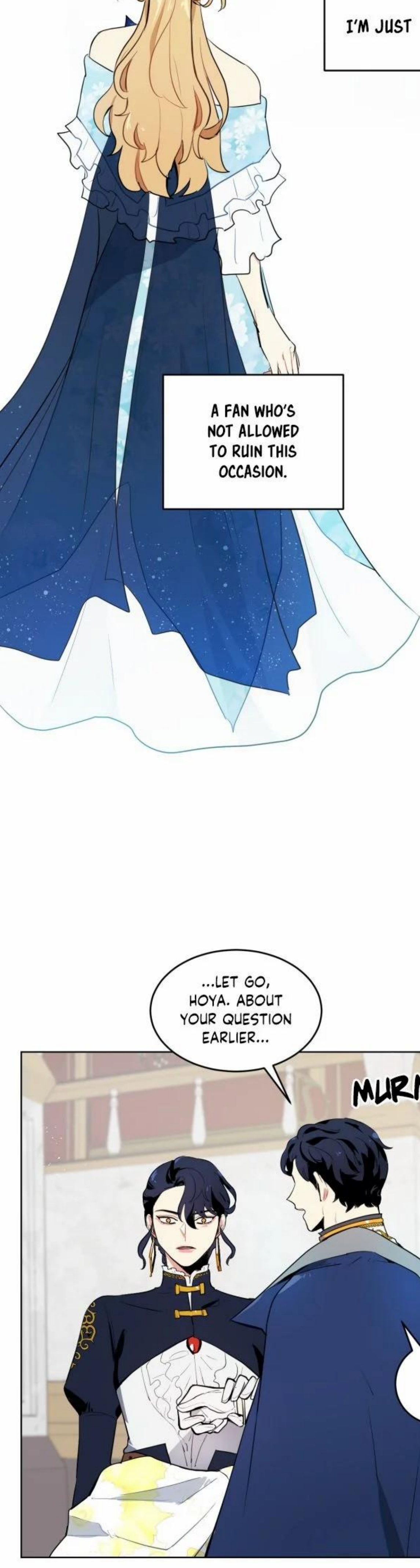
BUT I...

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I'M JUST

A FAN WHO'S  
NOT ALLOWED  
TO RUIN THIS  
OCCASION.



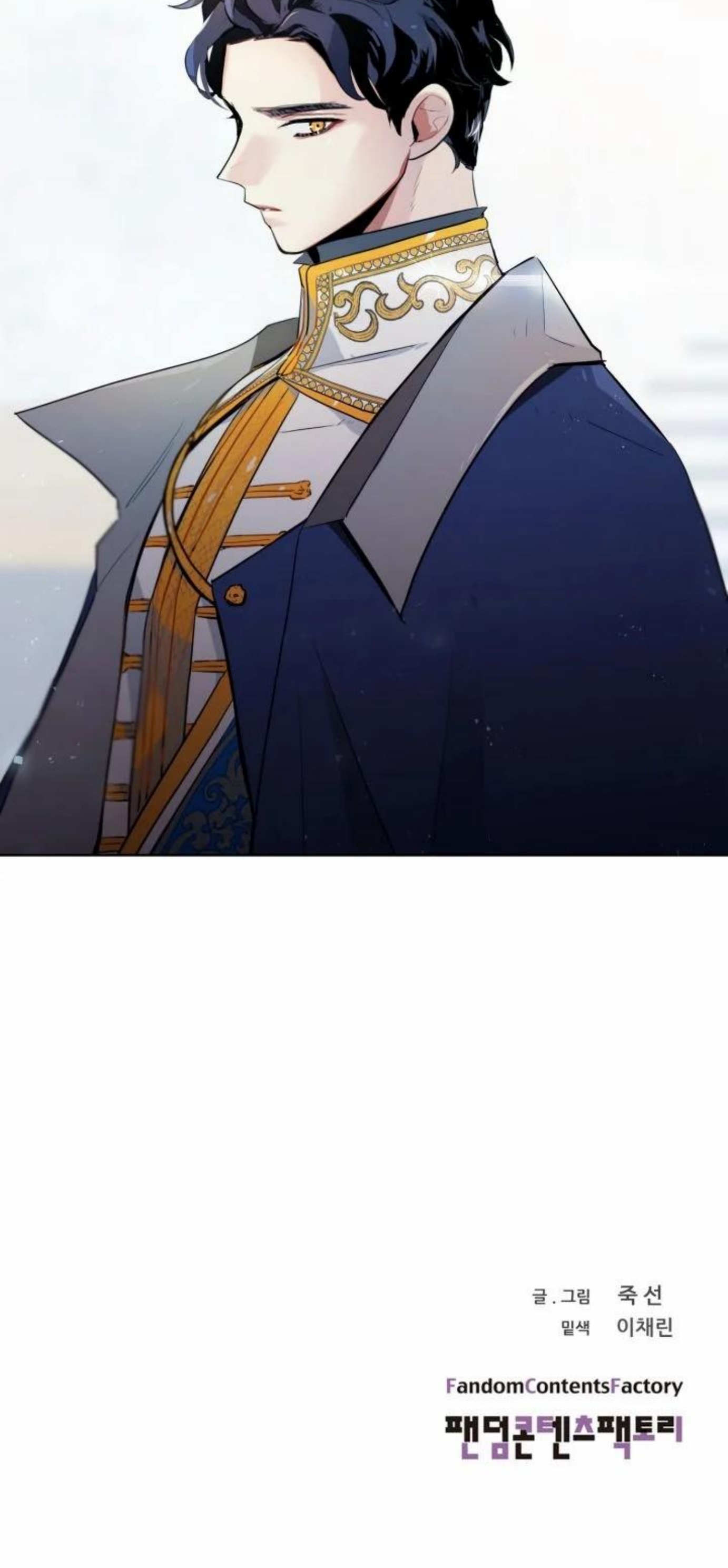
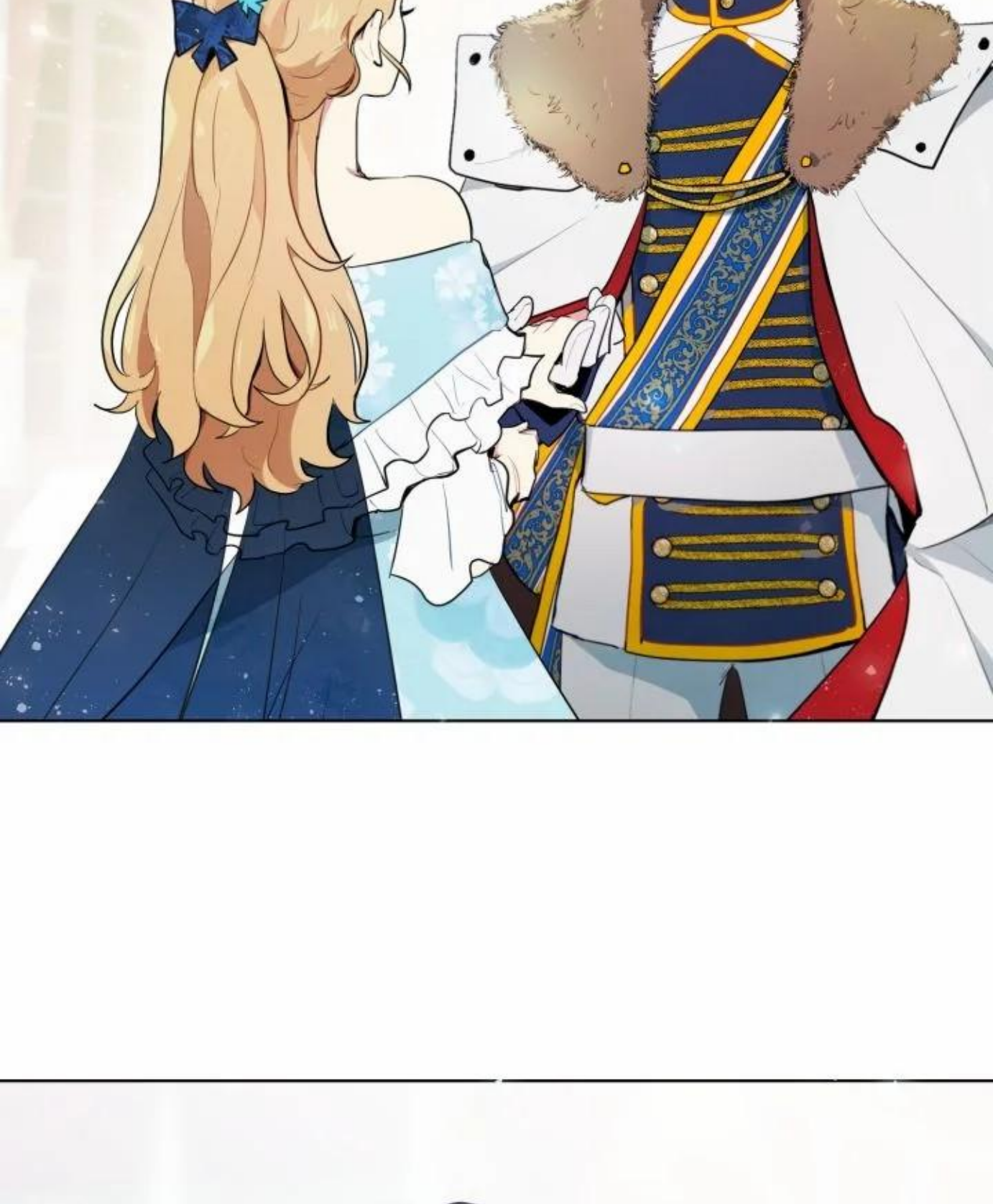
...LET GO,  
HOYA. ABOUT  
YOUR QUESTION  
EARLIER...

MURMUR

!



MURMUR



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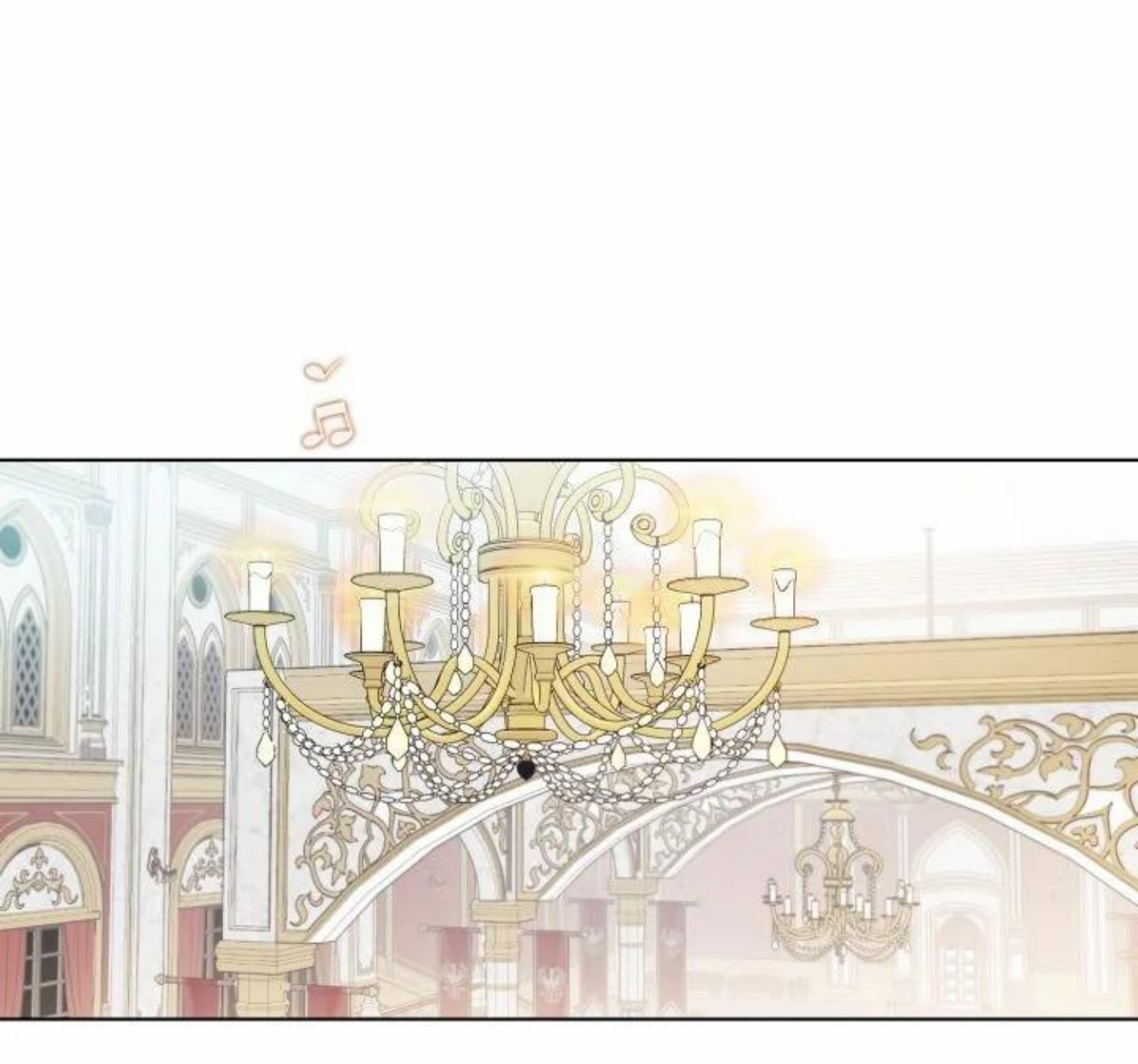
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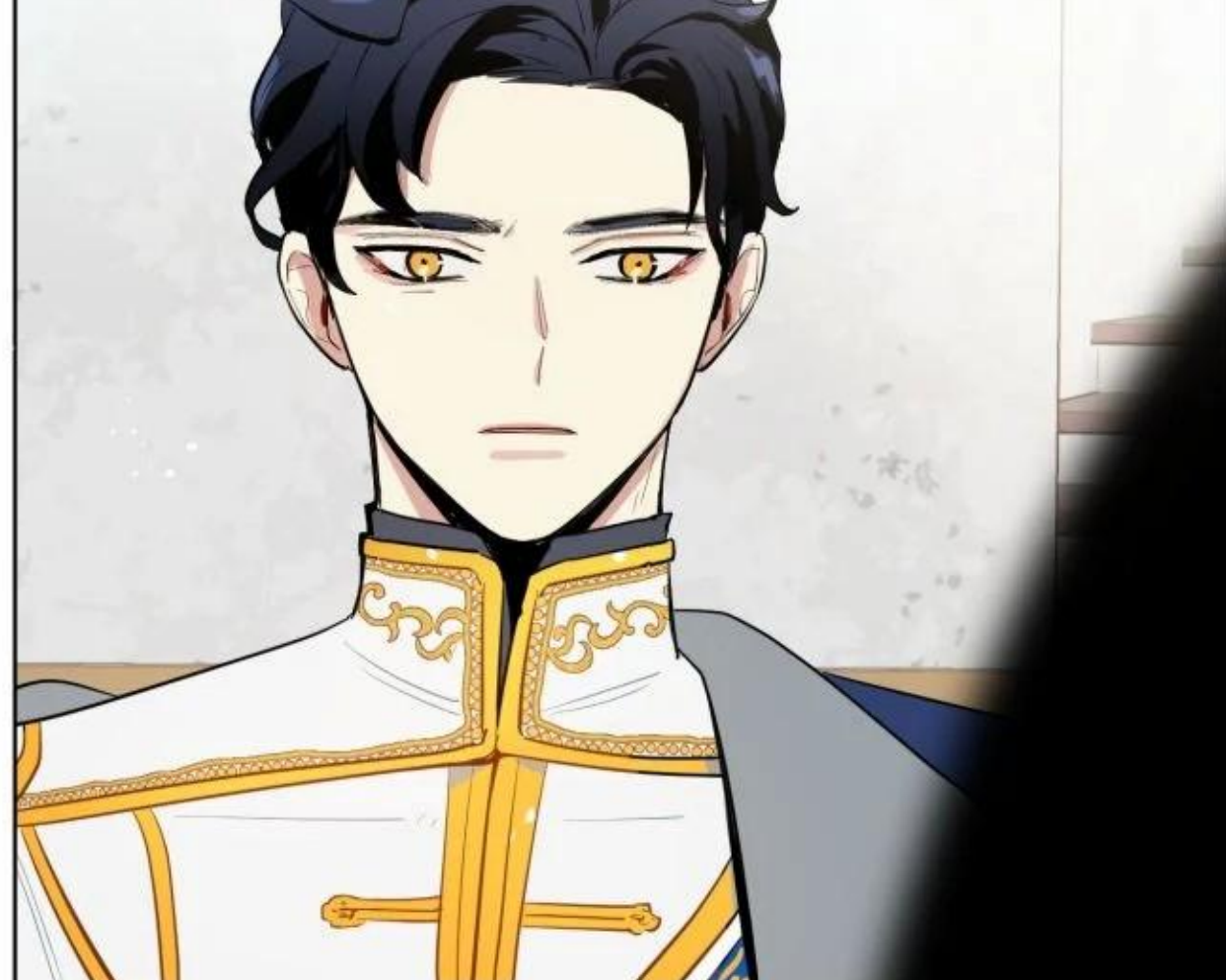




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YOU



EVEN TAUGHT HER  
HOW TO DANCE?



...MISS  
SCHOLAR.



I'M GLAD TO  
SEE YOU AGAIN.

HOW IS IT  
STAYING AT THE DUKE'S  
RESIDENCE? HE'S A KIND  
INDIVIDUAL, RIGHT?



AH...  
YES, HE'S A  
WONDERFUL  
MAN.



BUT...

I WONDER WHY HE LOOKED SO SAD FROM BEHIND.

IS HE STILL INDIFFERENTLY LOOKING THE OTHER WAY?

...?

!

BUMP

AH, I'M SO SORRY.

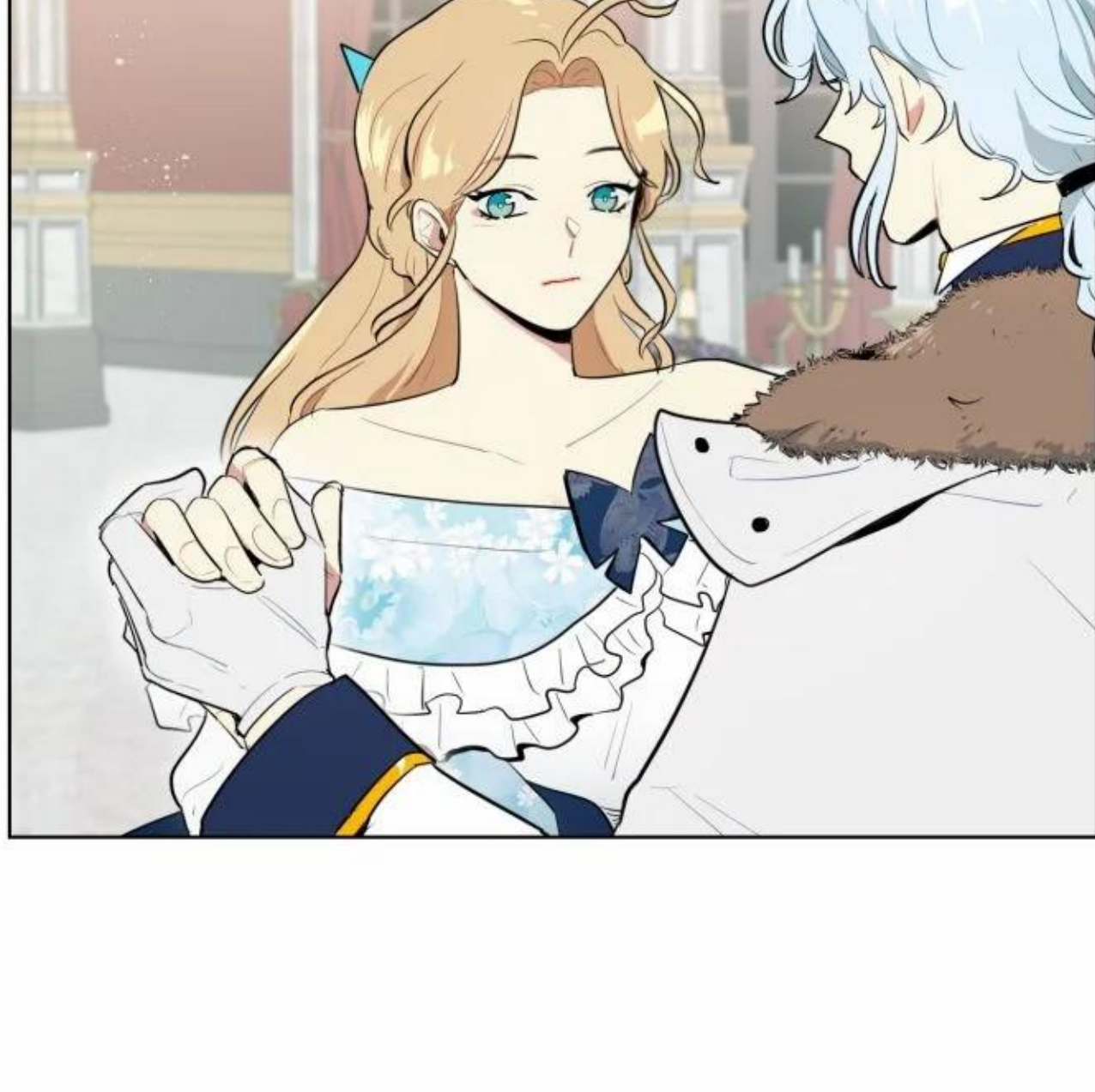
THERE'S NO NEED TO BE NERVOUS.

LIFT YOUR HEAD.

KEEP YOUR EYES ON YOUR PARTNER.



AND FOLLOW  
THEIR RHYTHM.

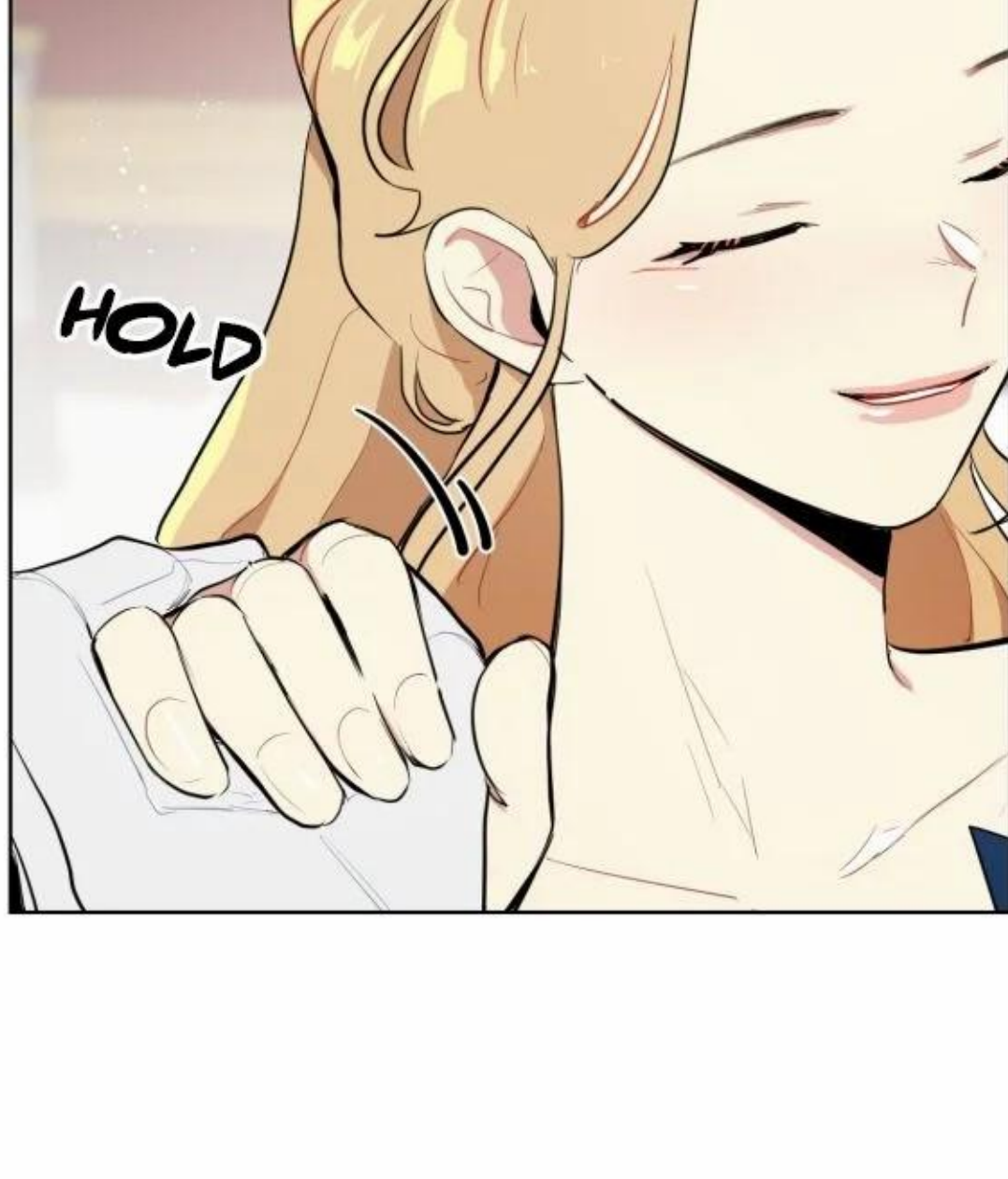


CLASP

CLASP

THERE'S NOTHING  
TO BE SAD ABOUT.

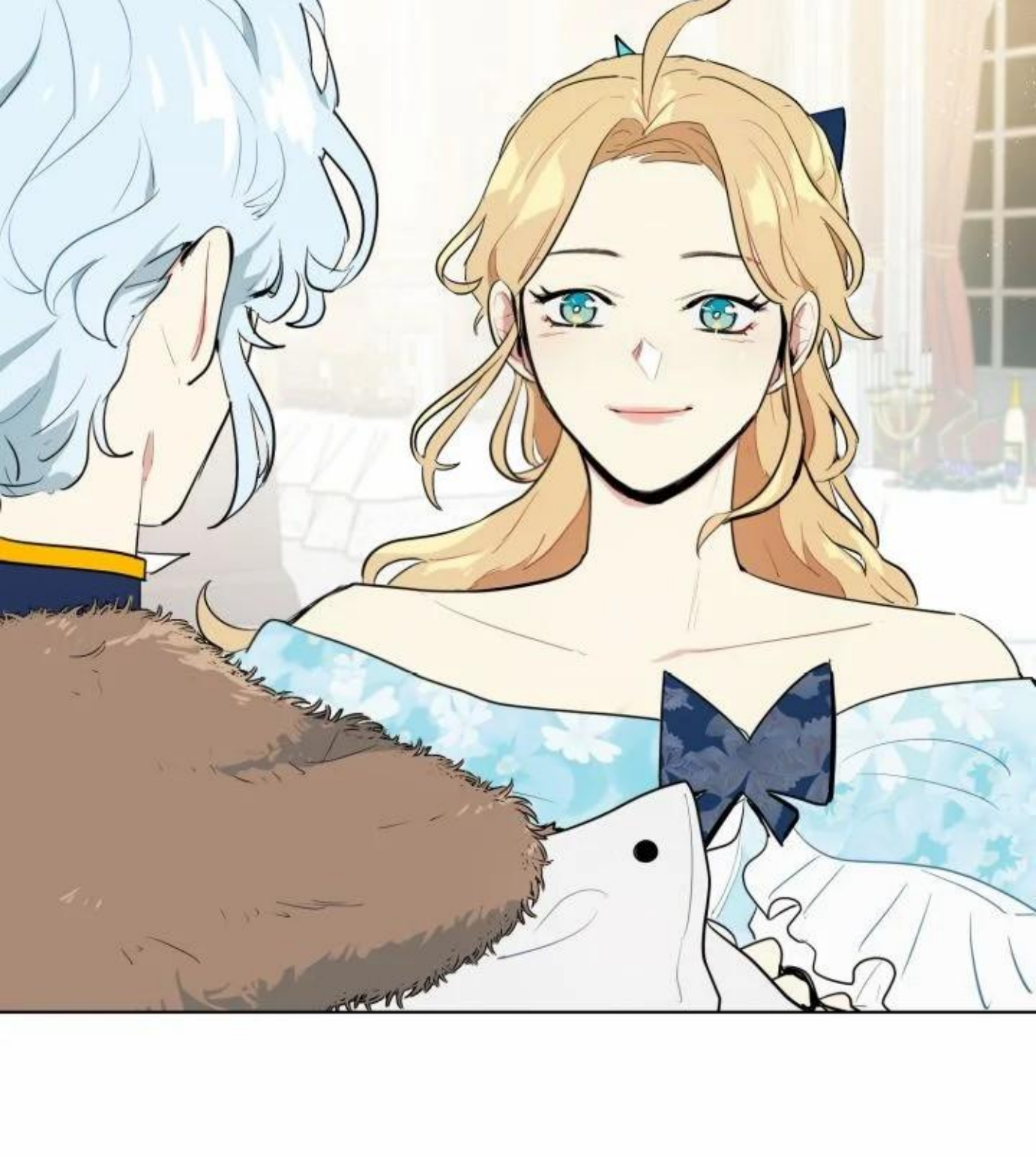
HOLD



I SHOULD STOP  
LETTING MY THOUGHTS  
DRIFT ELSEWHERE.



AND BE MORE  
COURTEOUS TOWARDS  
MY PARTNER AS I  
WAS TAUGHT.

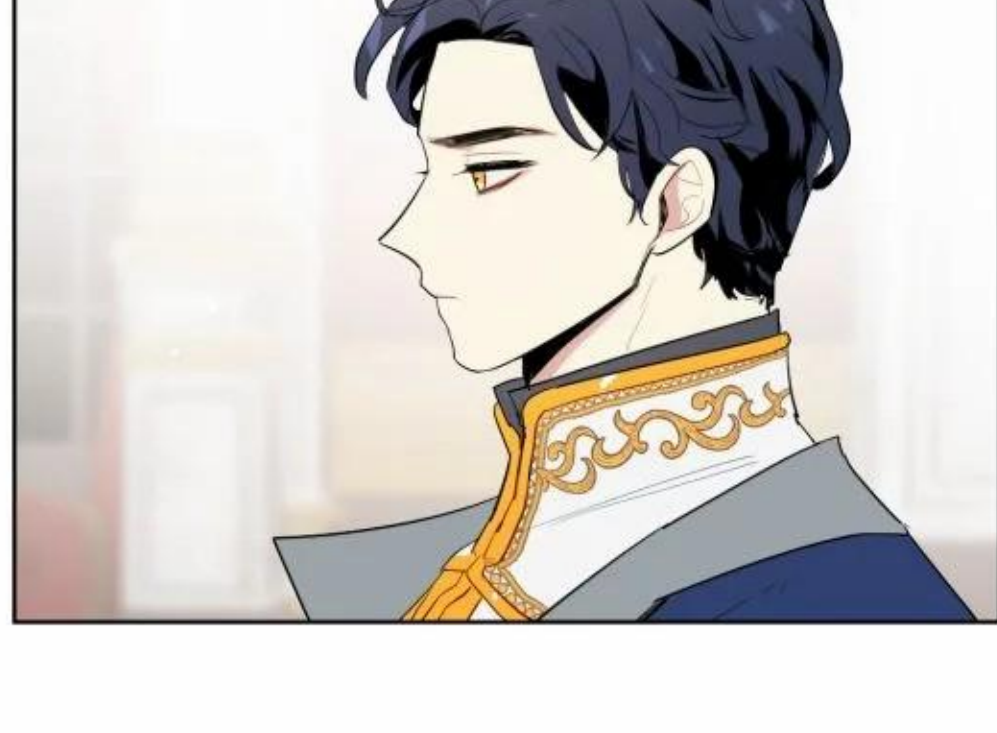
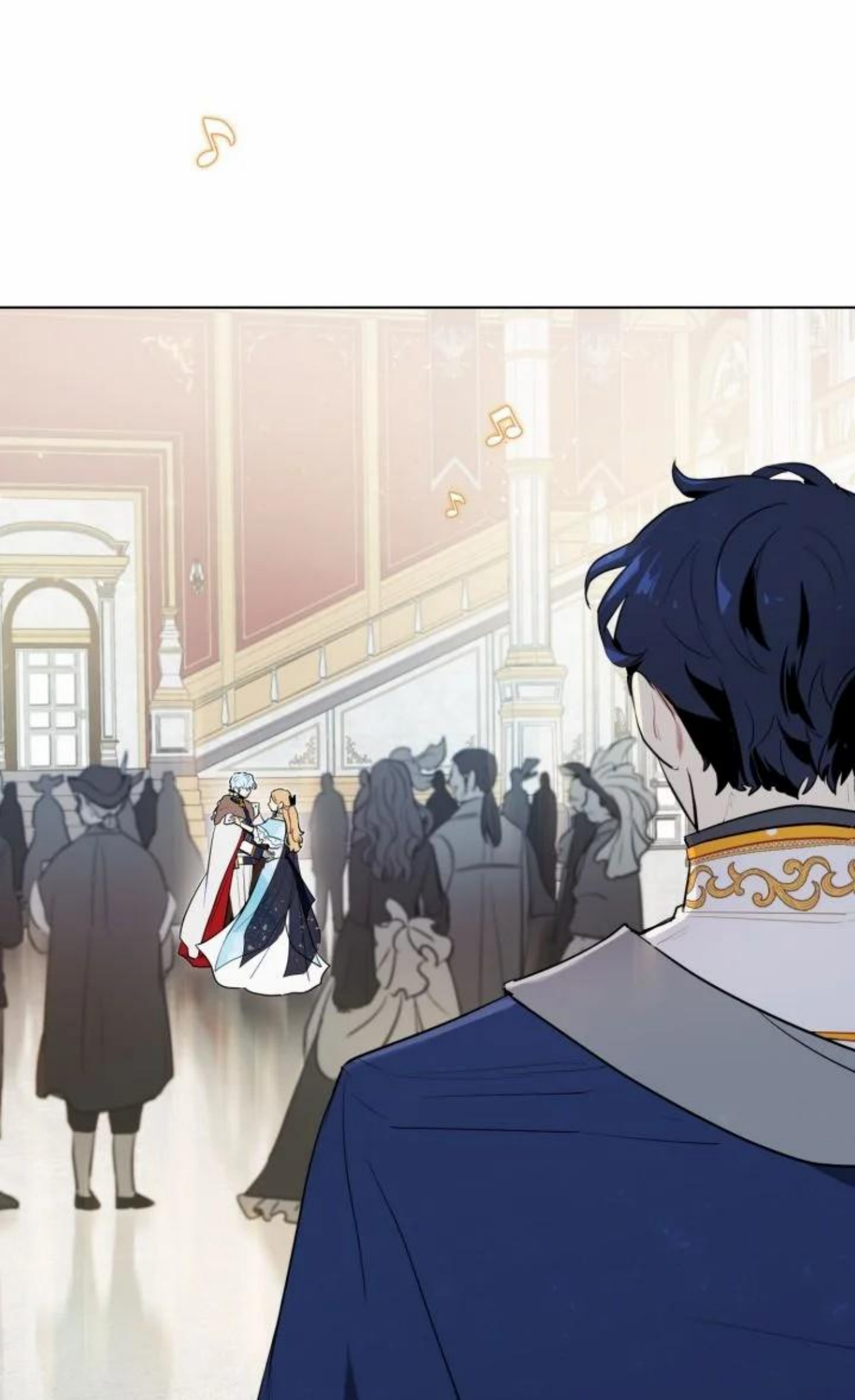


SHE'S FINALLY  
SMILING.

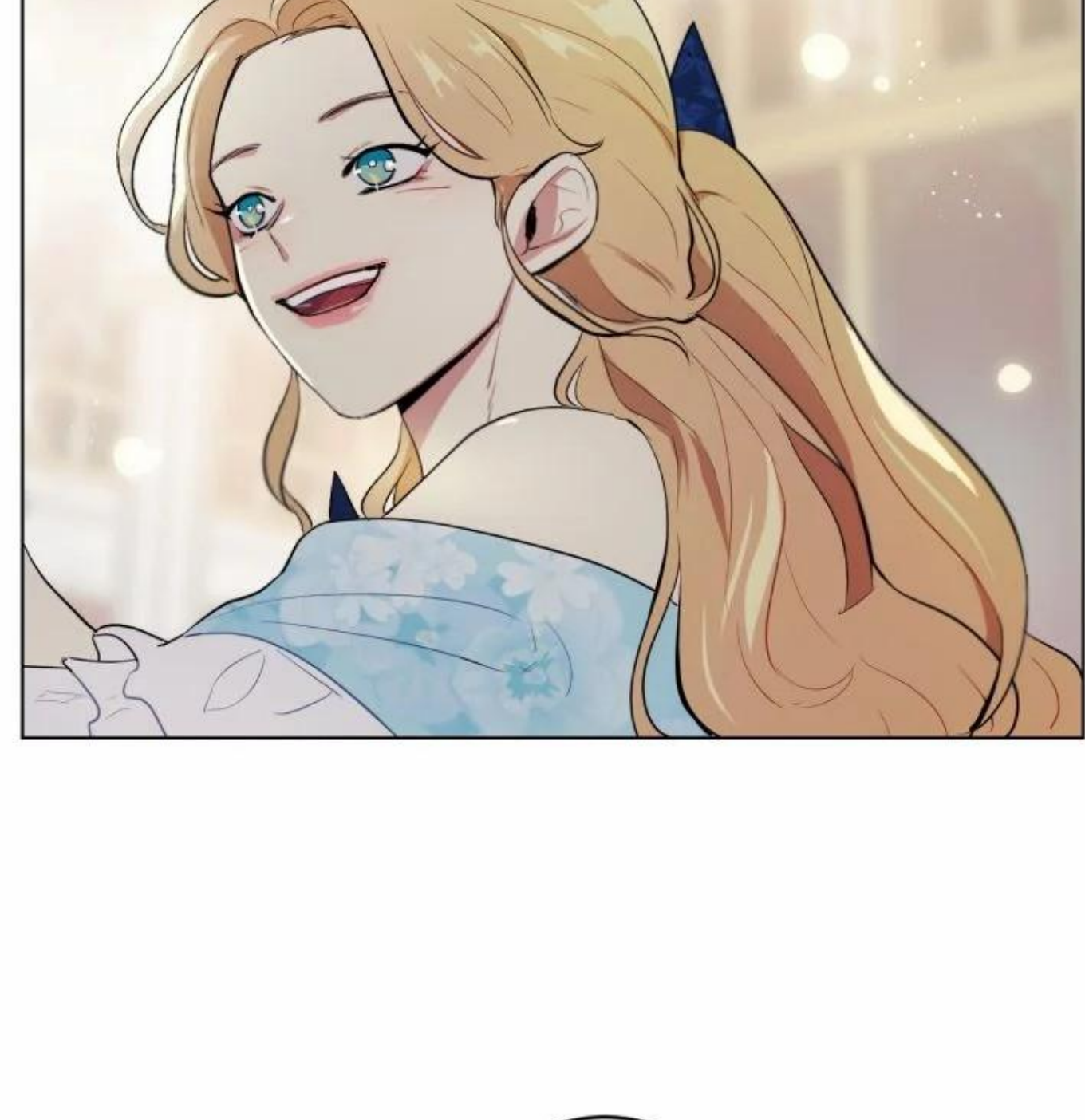
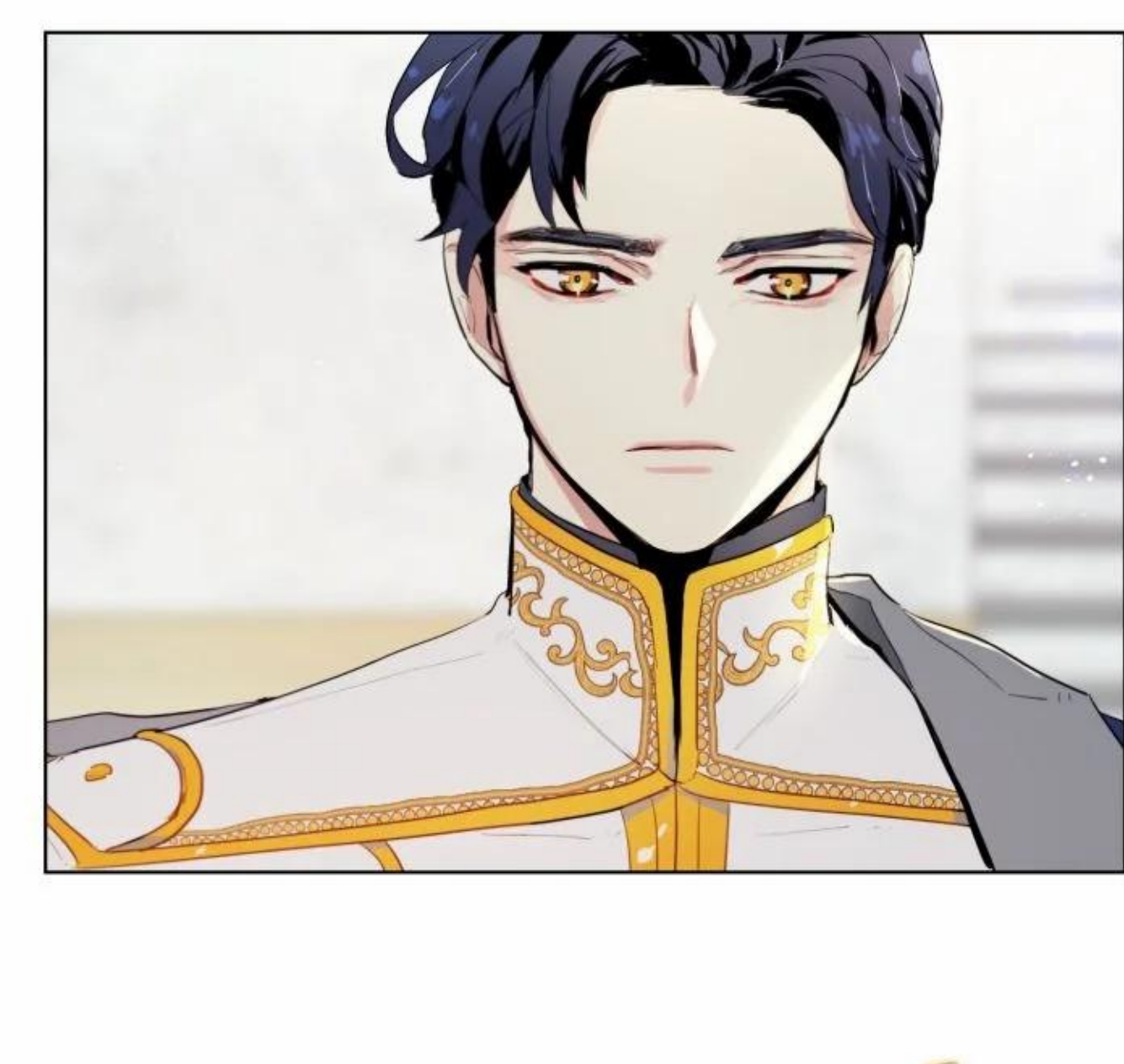
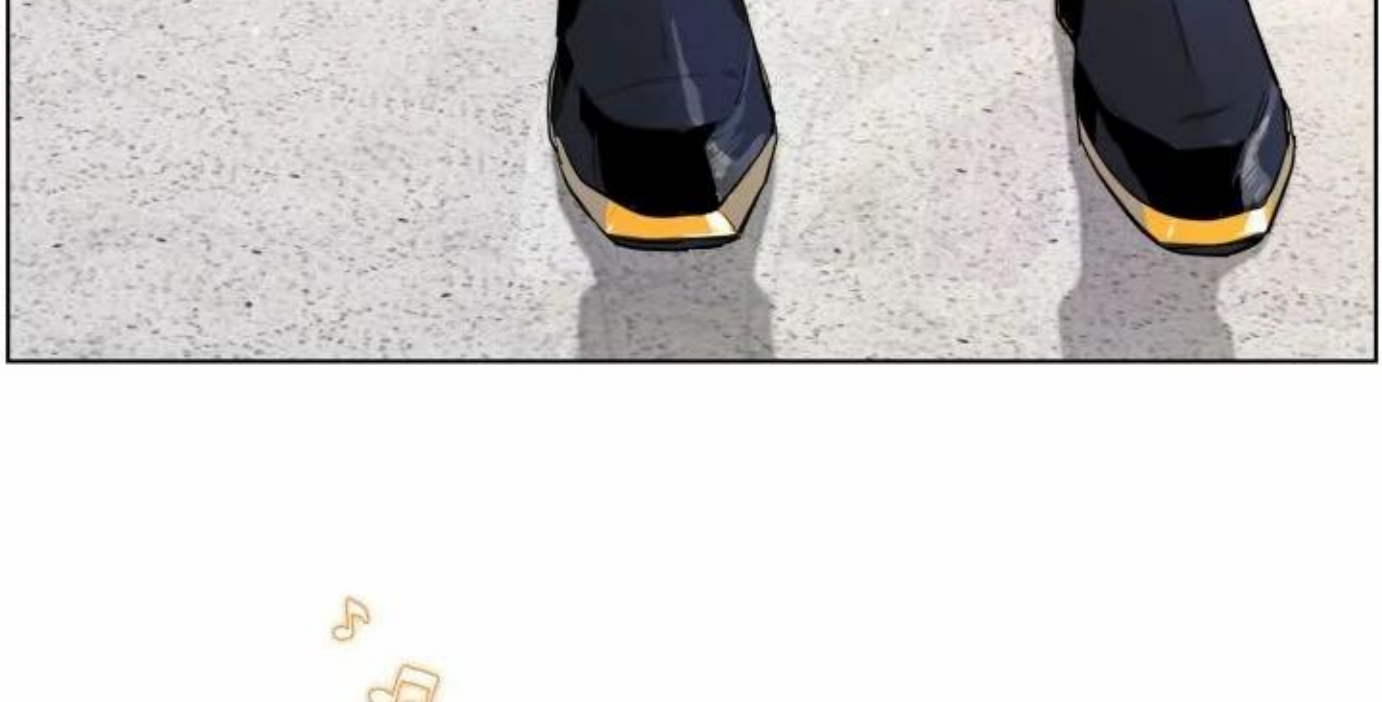


SHE'S SO  
UNPREDICTABLE.





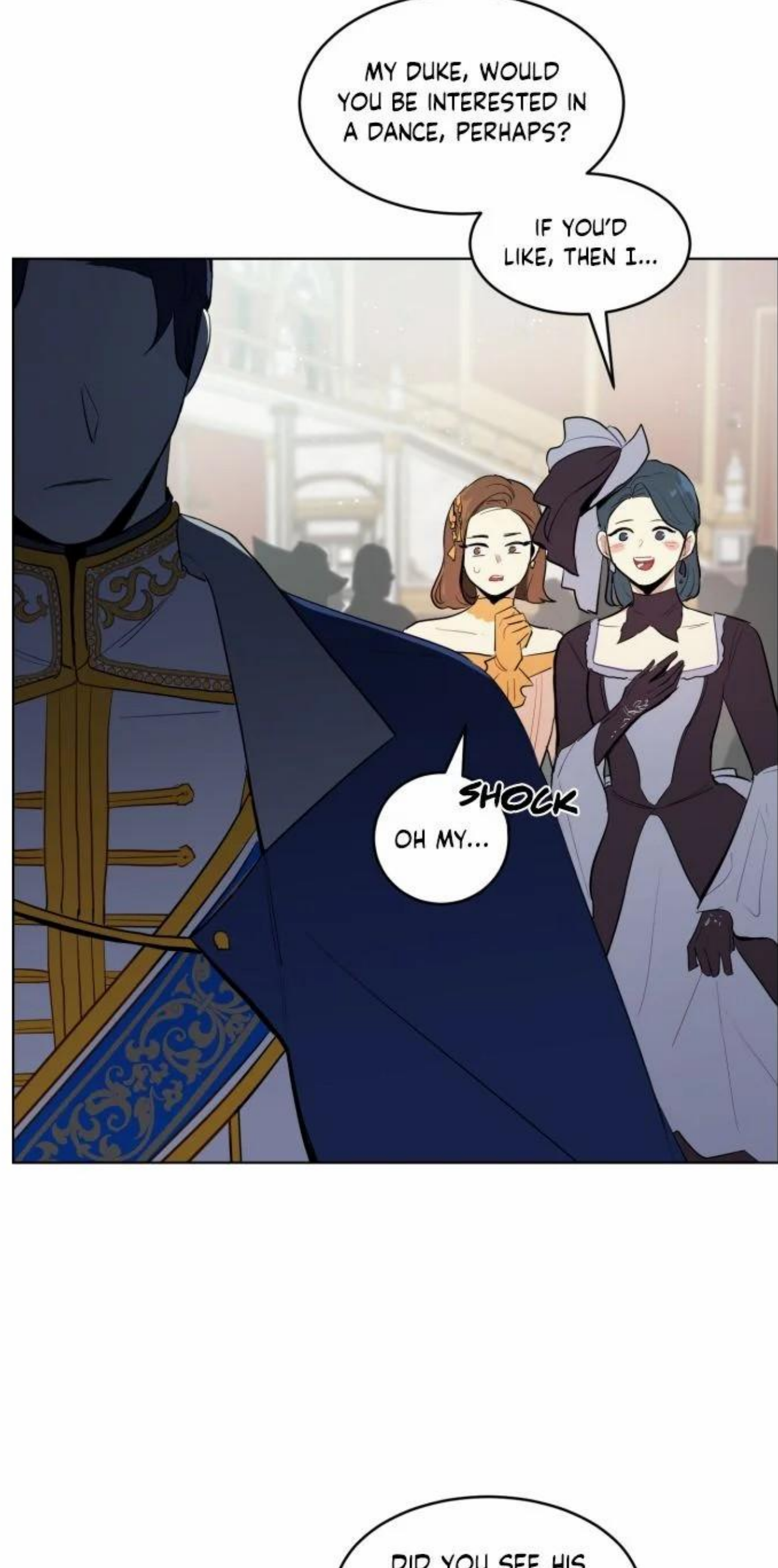
...WHAT AM I DOING LIKE AN IDIOT?



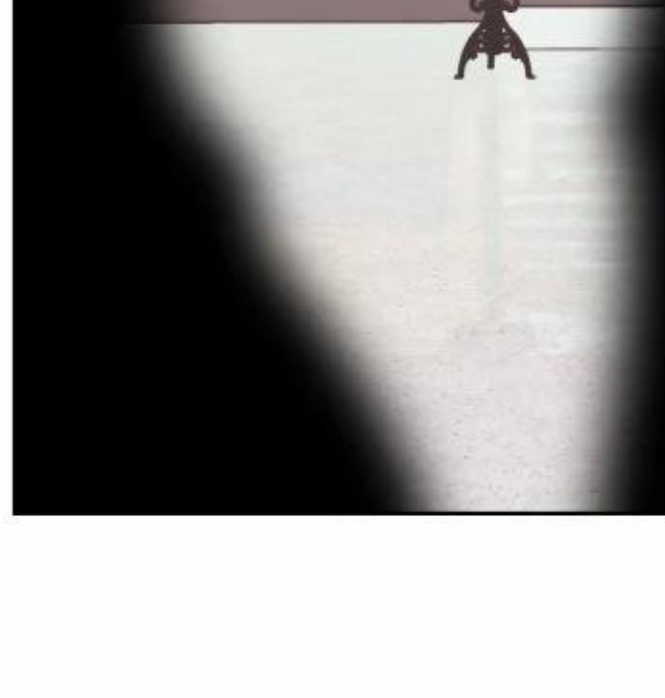
GETTING WORRIED  
FOR NO REASON BY MYSELF...







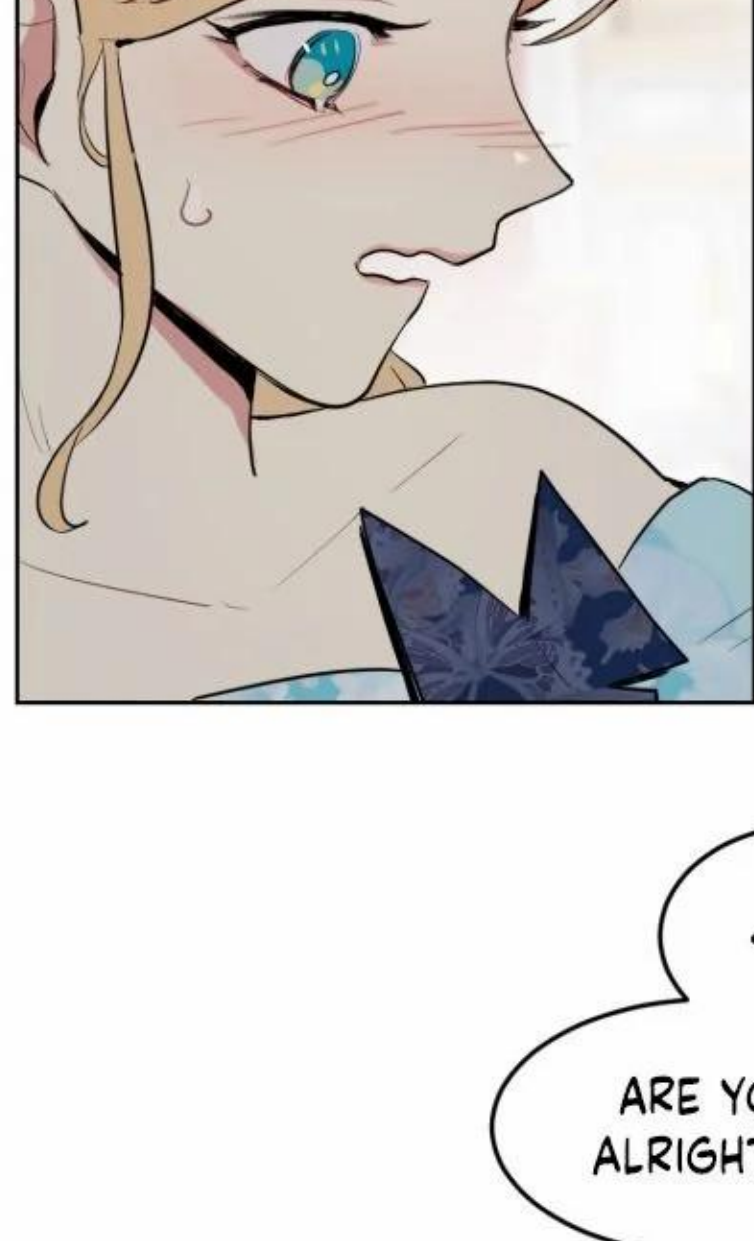




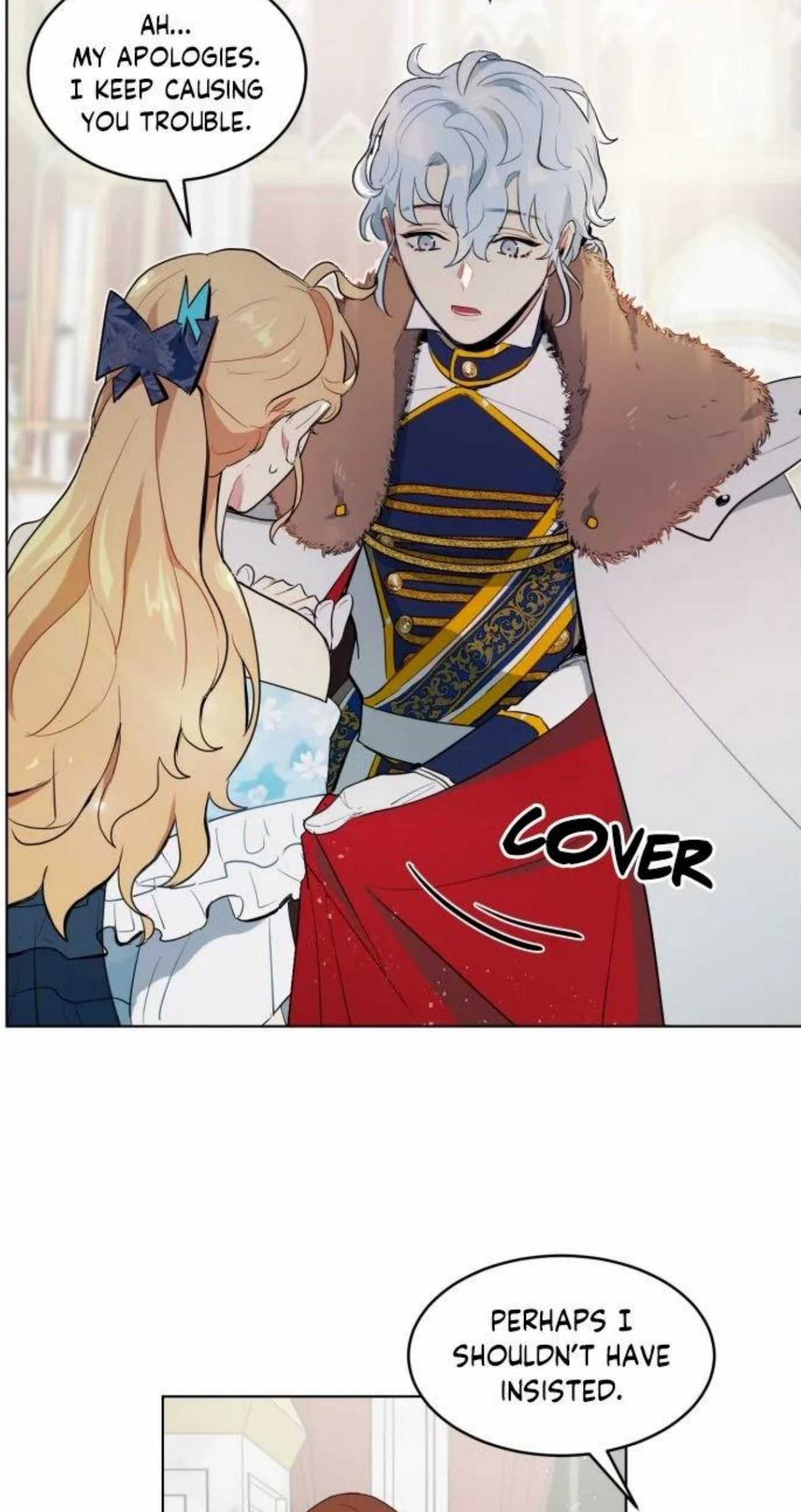
OH NO,  
MY SHOE...



LOAFERS...?



.....  
ARE YOU  
ALRIGHT??



AH...  
MY APOLOGIES.  
I'VE BEEN CAUSING  
YOU TROUBLE.

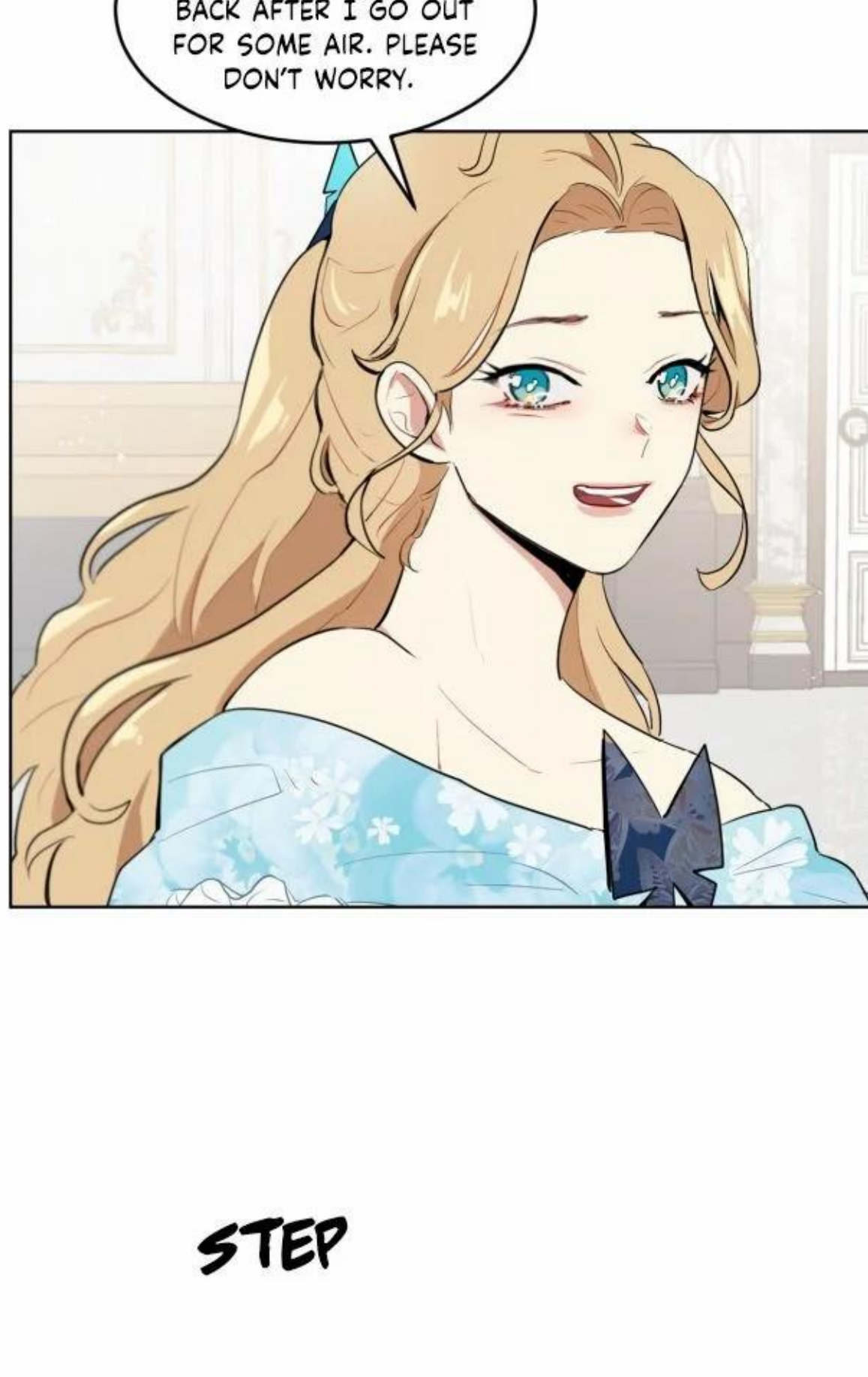
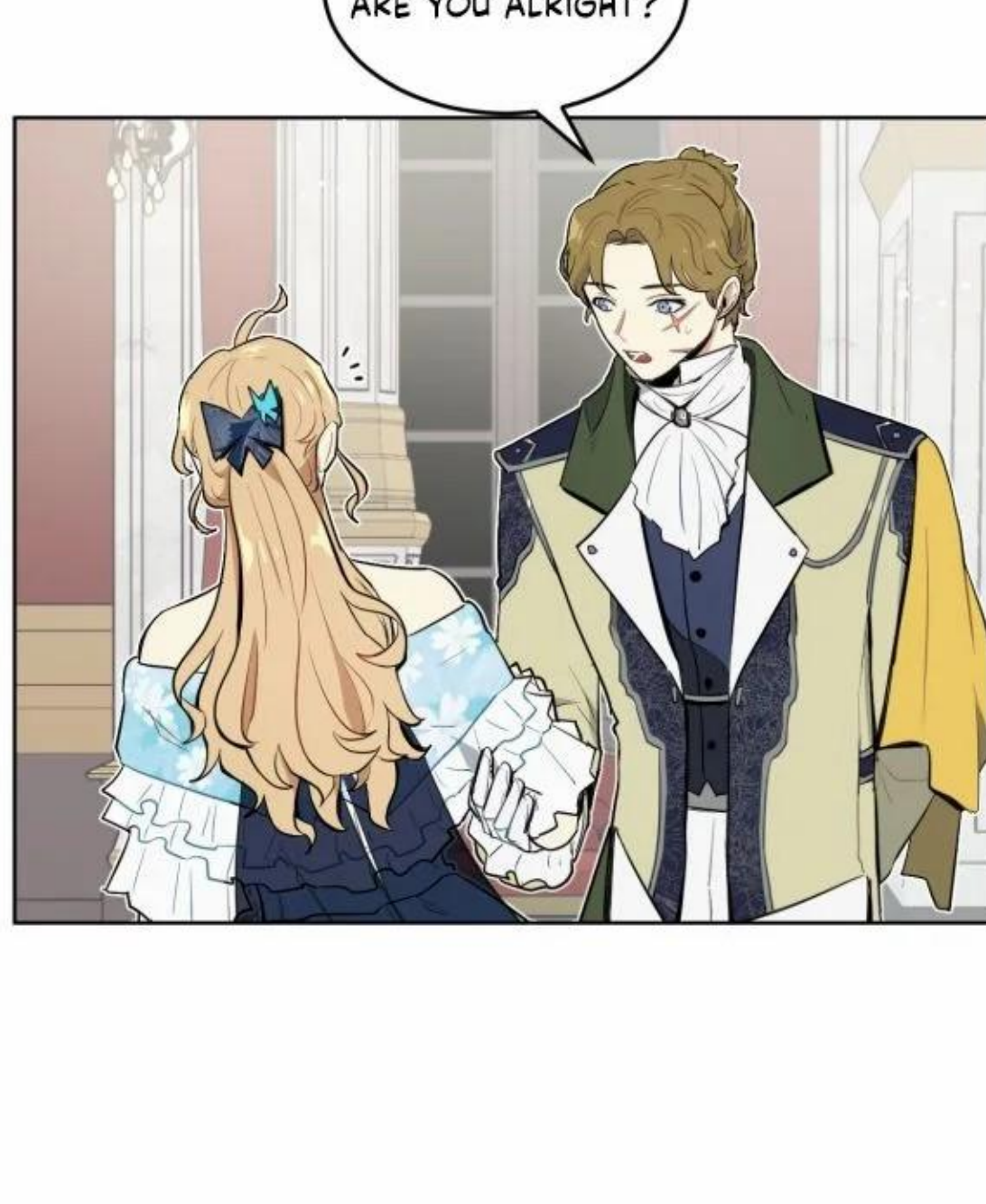


PERHAPS I  
SHOULDN'T HAVE  
INSISTED.

NO, IT'S ALRIGHT.  
I'M QUITE EMBARRASSED  
FOR LOSING MY POISE.

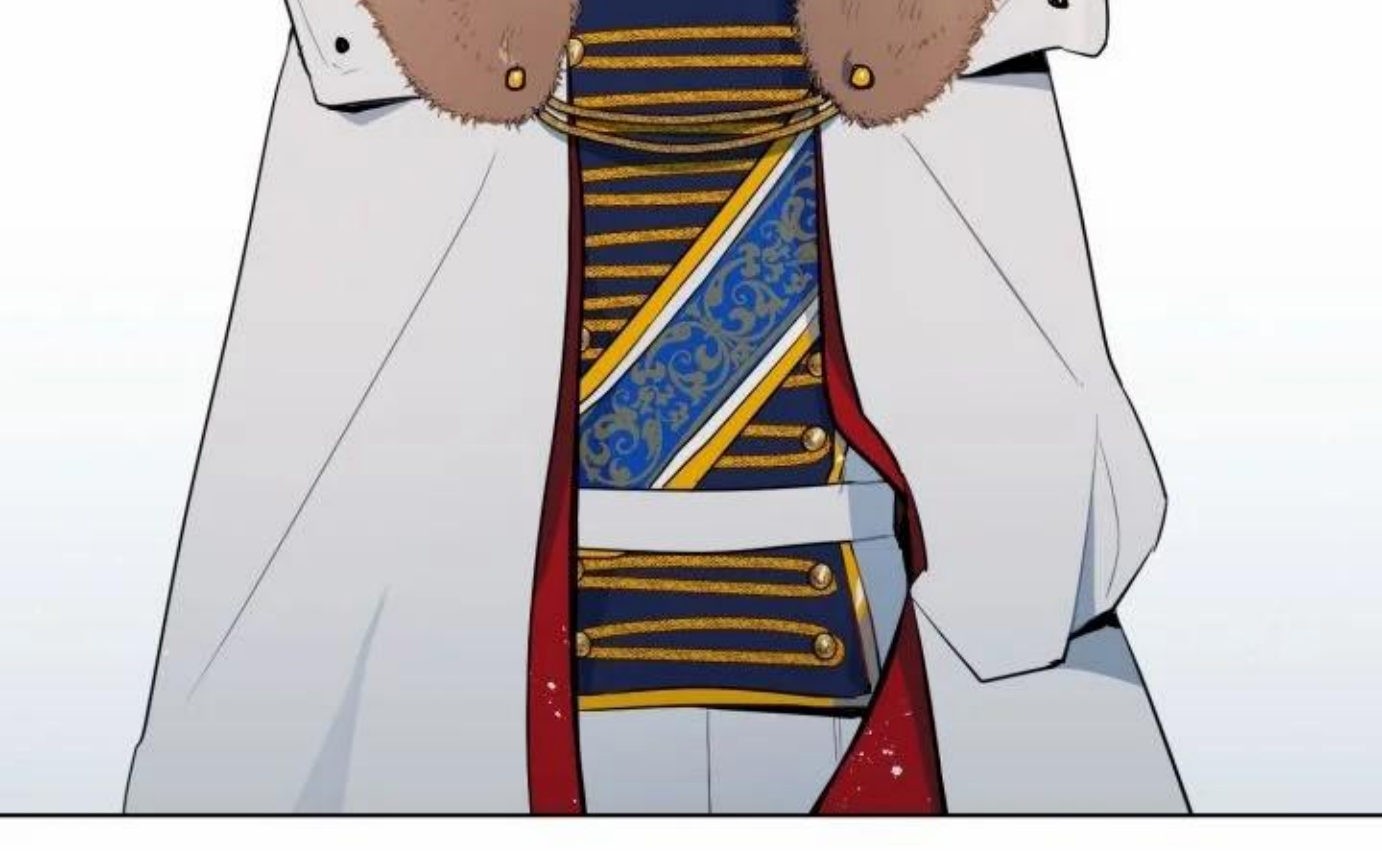
SHALL WE STOP  
HERE THEN?





**STEP**

**STEP**





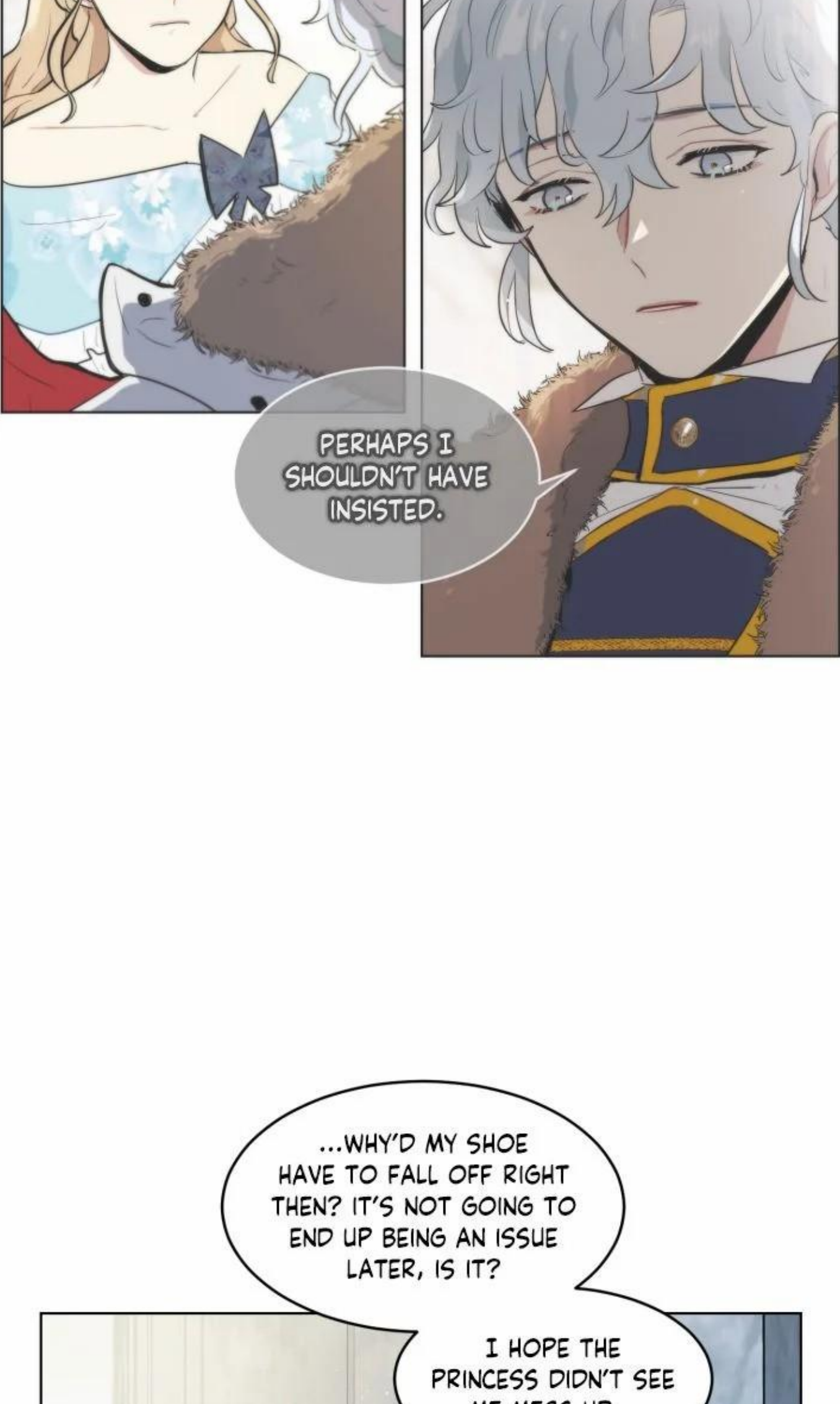


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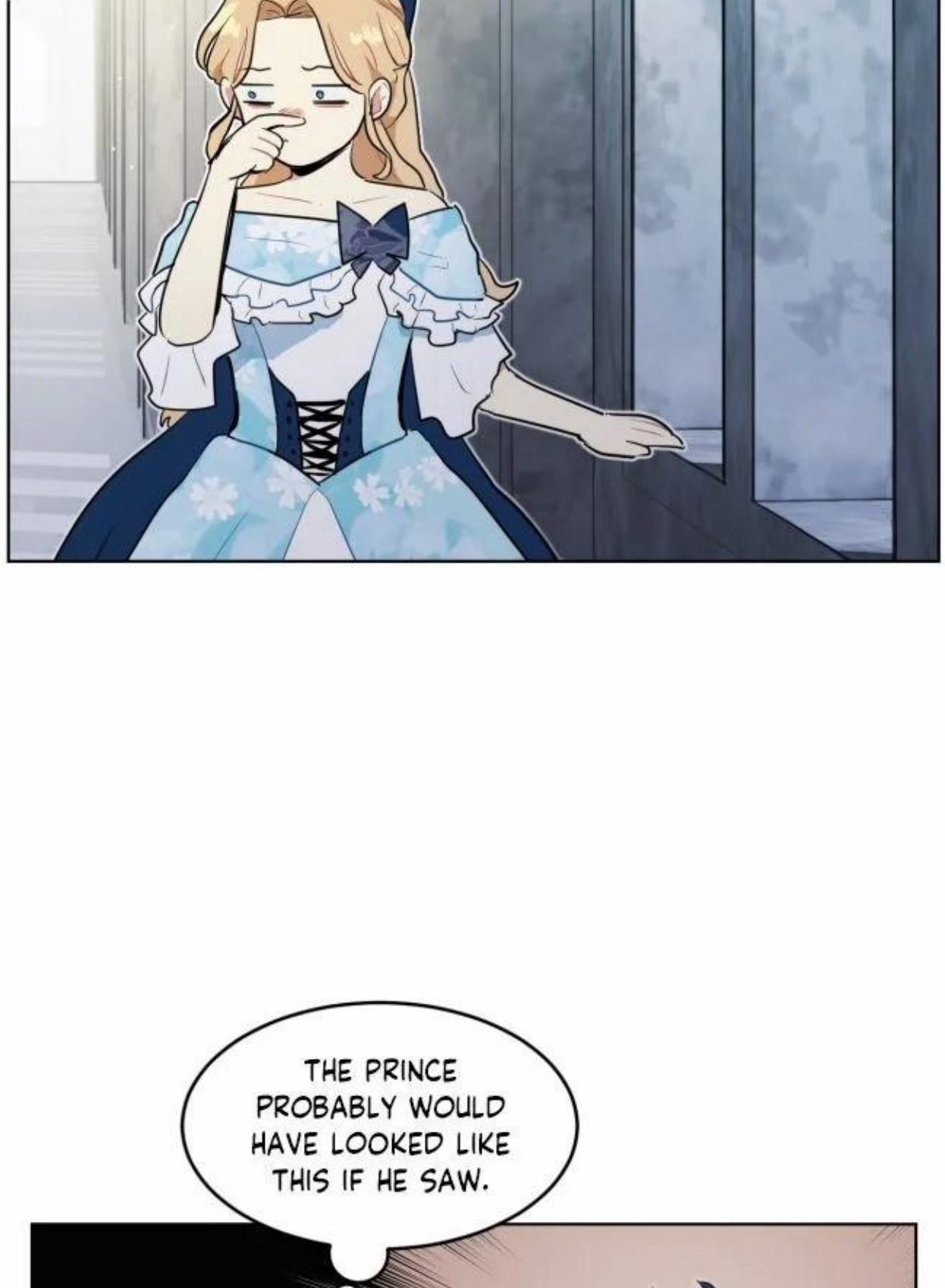




THANKS TO HIM COVERING UP MY SHOES WITH HIS CAPE, NO ONE SAW MY WORN-OUT LOAFERS.



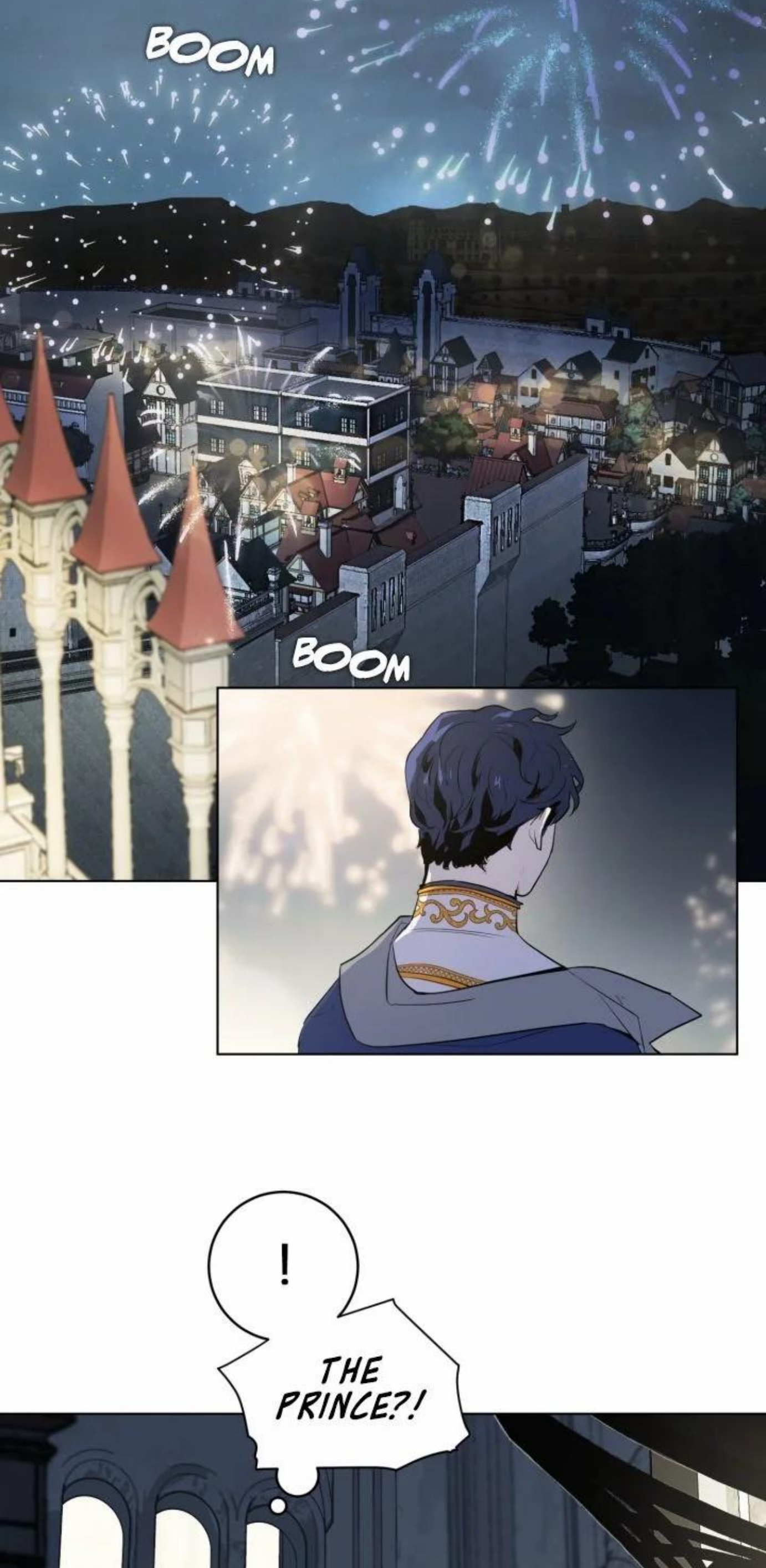
...WHY'D MY SHOE HAVE TO FALL OFF RIGHT THEN? IT'S NOT GOING TO END UP BEING AN ISSUE LATER, IS IT?



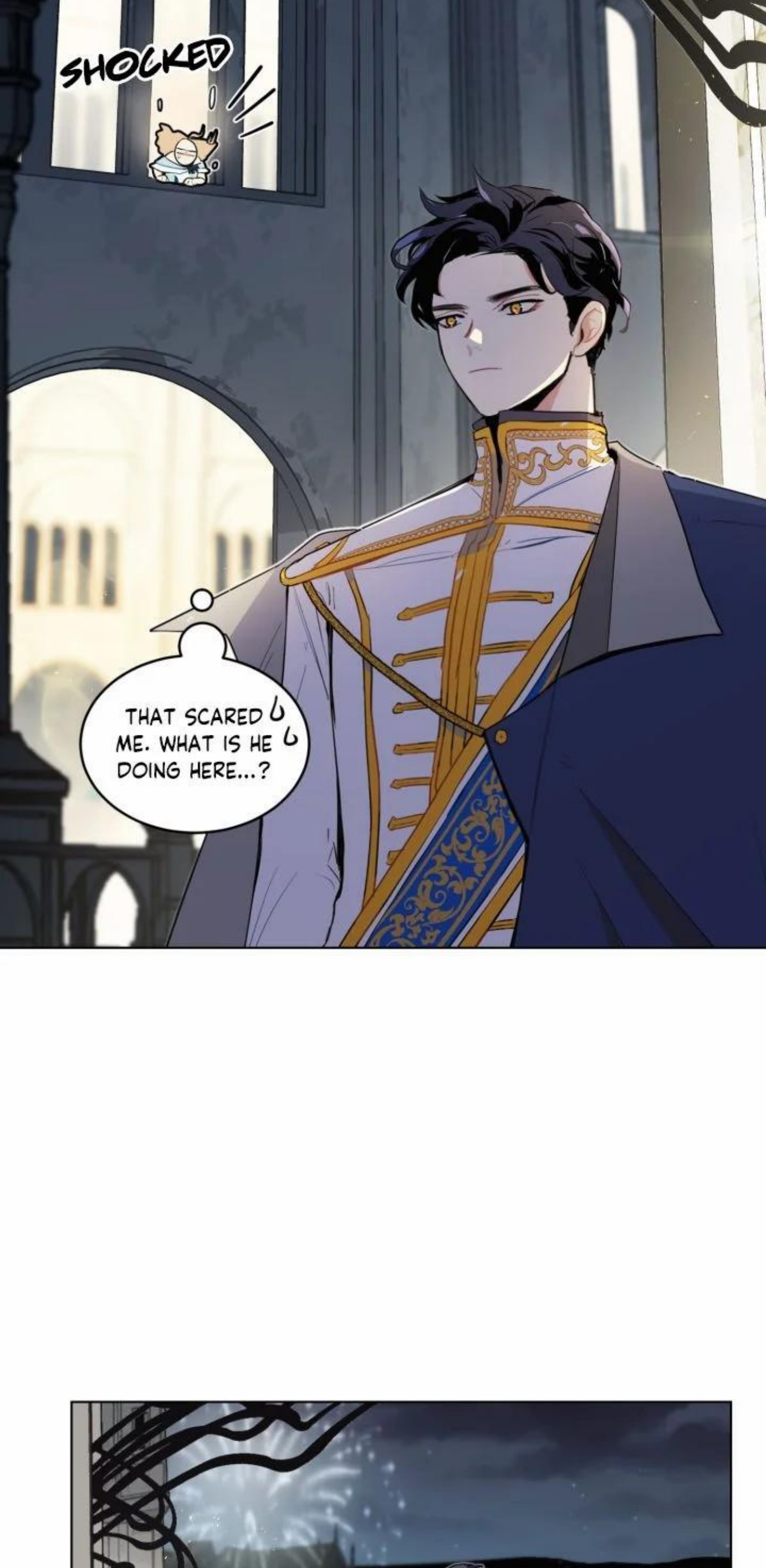
THE PRINCE PROBABLY WOULD HAVE LOOKED LIKE THIS IF HE SAW.



SINCE... I'M HIS FAN.



! THE PRINCE?!

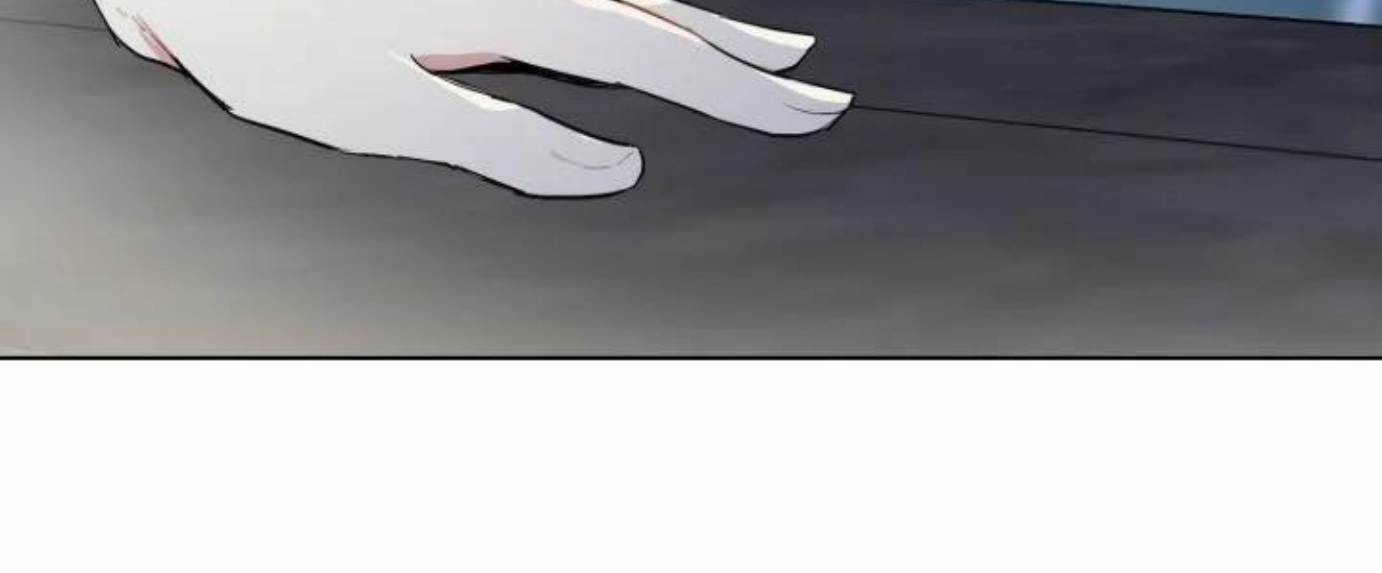




IT'S  
BEAUTIFUL.

BOOM

IS HE ALSO  
THINKING THE  
SAME THING?



M...

MY PRINCE!

OUT HERE ALL  
ALONE ON SUCH AN  
AUSPICIOUS DAY...

CLICK  
CLACK

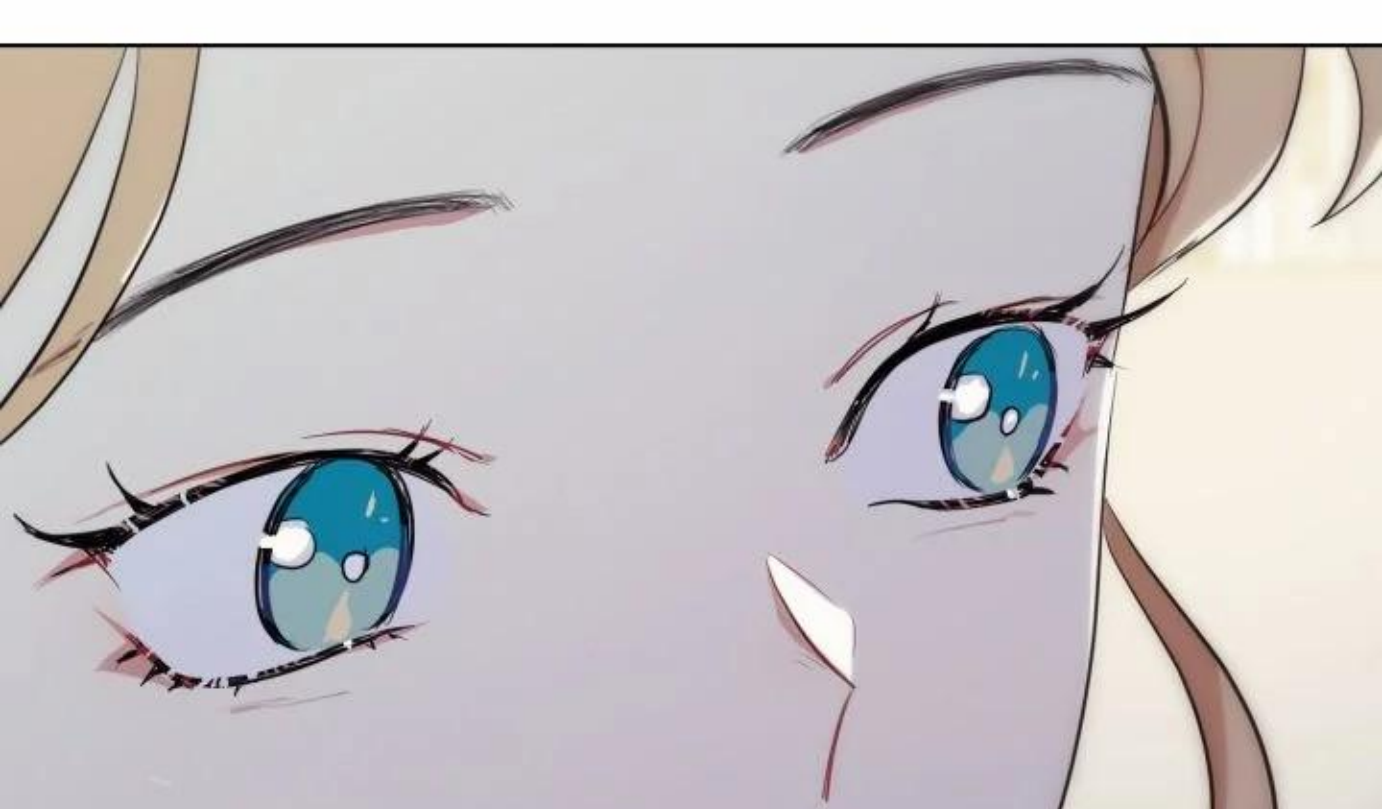
IS THERE  
SOMETHING WEIGHING  
ON YOUR MIND?

OH MY  
GOSH... THAT  
SCARED ME.  
THAT'S...





THE CROWN  
PRINCE'S...



.....



...HUH?



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THE PRINCE...

(BRAIN.EXE STOPPED WORKING)

AND THE  
CANDIDATE FOR  
CROWN PRINCESS.

THOSE TWO...  
ISN'T IT INAPPROPRIATE  
FOR THEM TO ACT  
LIKE THIS?

CLENCH

OH MY, AREN'T  
YOU THE LADY WHO  
DANCED WITH THE CROWN  
PRINCE JUST NOW?

!

YOU ARE,  
AREN'T YOU!

I WAS HOPING TO  
CHAT WITH YOU. WHAT  
A PLEASANT SURPRISE  
SEEING YOU HERE!

WHAT WERE  
YOU DOING?

SPEECHLESS

...SOMETHING'S  
UP, HUH?

A GOSSIPER'S  
INTUITION

GASP!

NO, I JUST  
LOST MY WAY. DOES  
THAT PATH LEAD BACK TO  
THE BANQUET HALL?

LET'S...

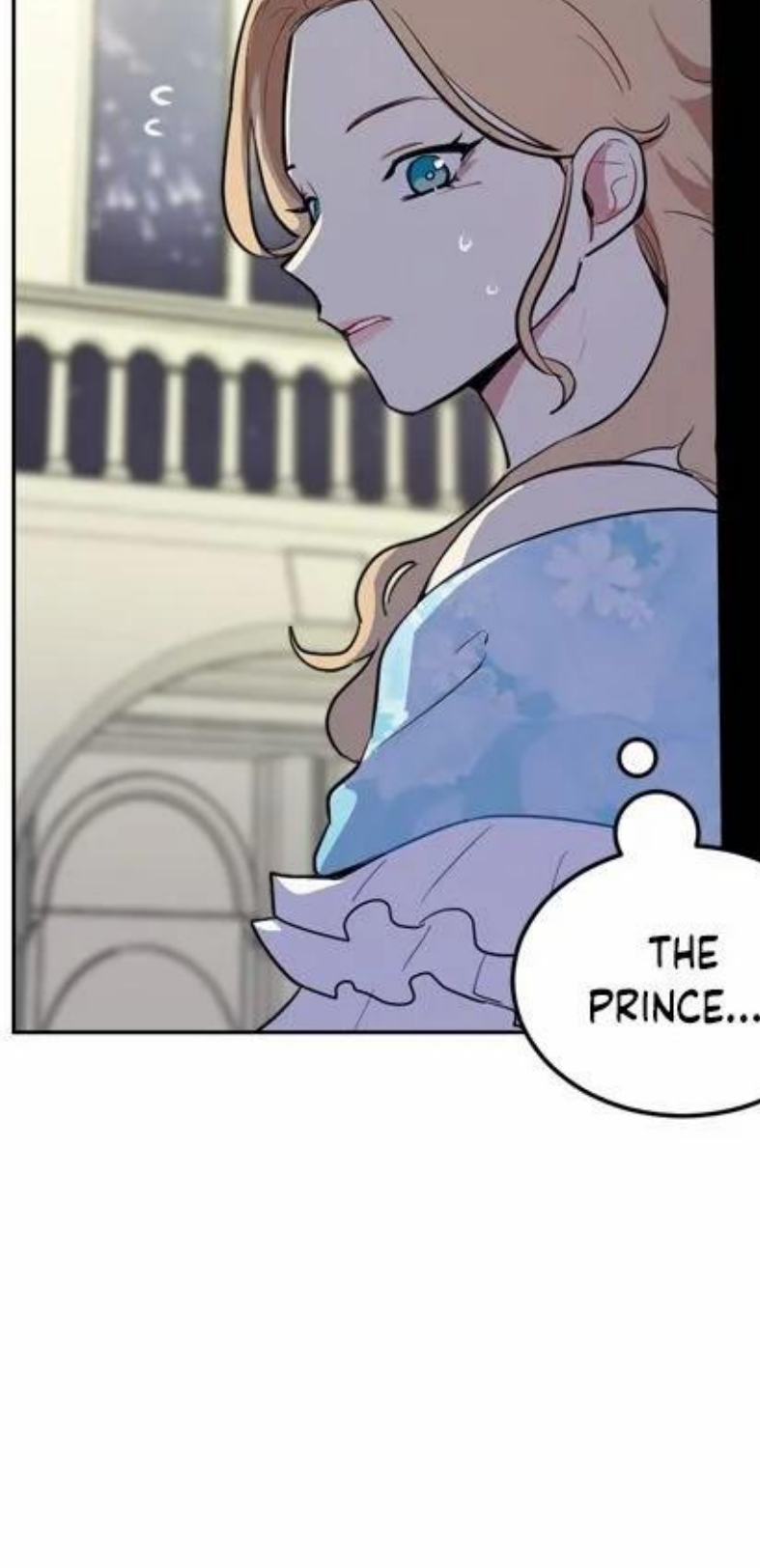
COME ON~

NO HESITATION





SPILL THE  
TEA, HON~



THE  
PRINCE...!

BOOM



I'VE ALREADY  
WARNED YOU ONCE  
TODAY.

I'M NOT SURE WHY  
YOU'RE ACTING LIKE THIS, BUT  
HIS HIGHNESS THE CROWN PRINCE  
WILL WORRY IF YOU'RE ABSENT  
FOR TOO LONG.



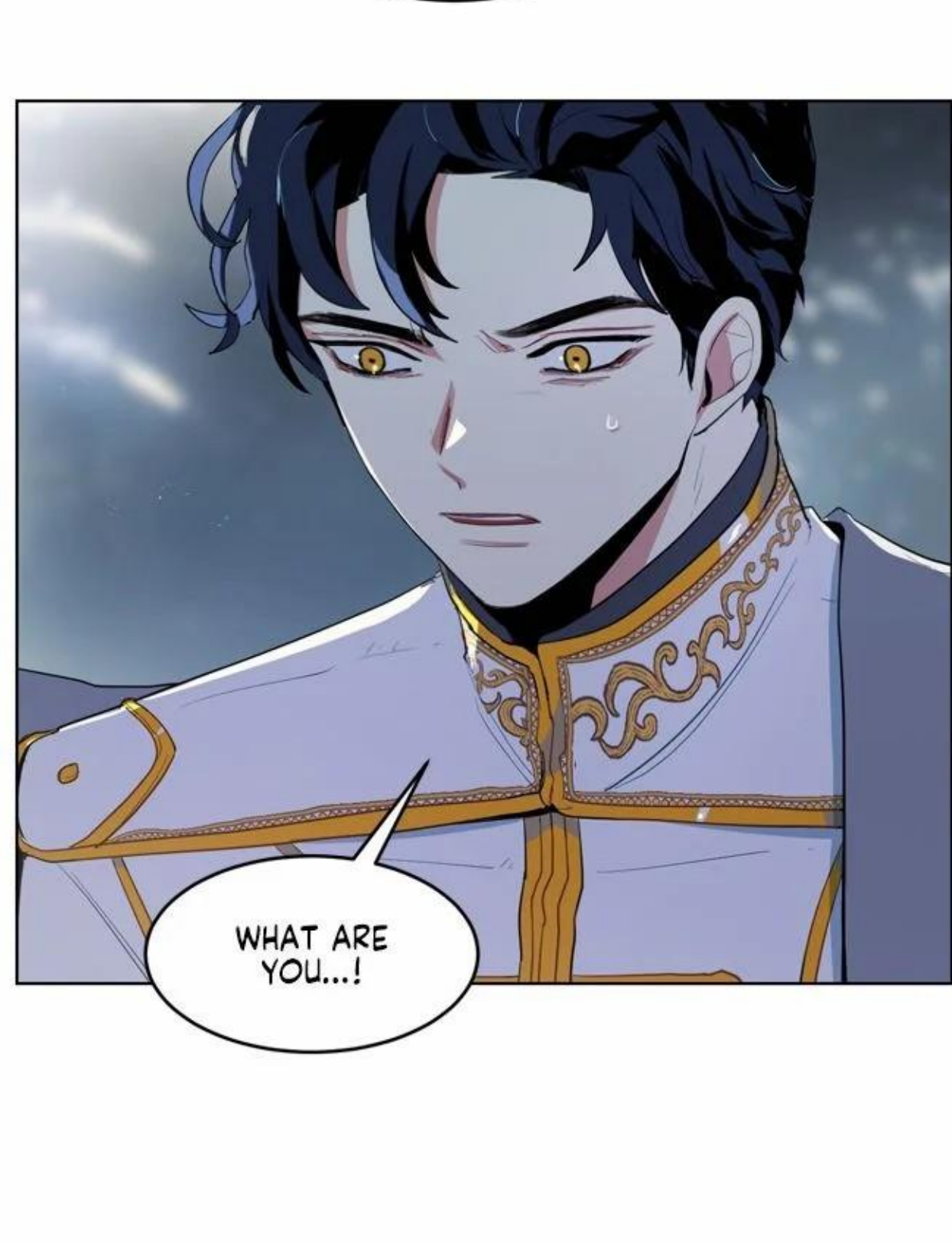
HE DOESN'T  
CARE ABOUT ME  
IN THE SLIGHTEST  
THOUGH?



HOW MUCH  
BETTER WOULD IT  
HAVE BEEN IF YOU WERE  
THE ONE BY MY SIDE?



AS THE  
CROWN PRINCE.



WHAT ARE  
YOU...!

I CAN BE OF  
GREAT HELP TO YOU,  
YOUR HIGH...

WOW! LOOK  
AT THAT!

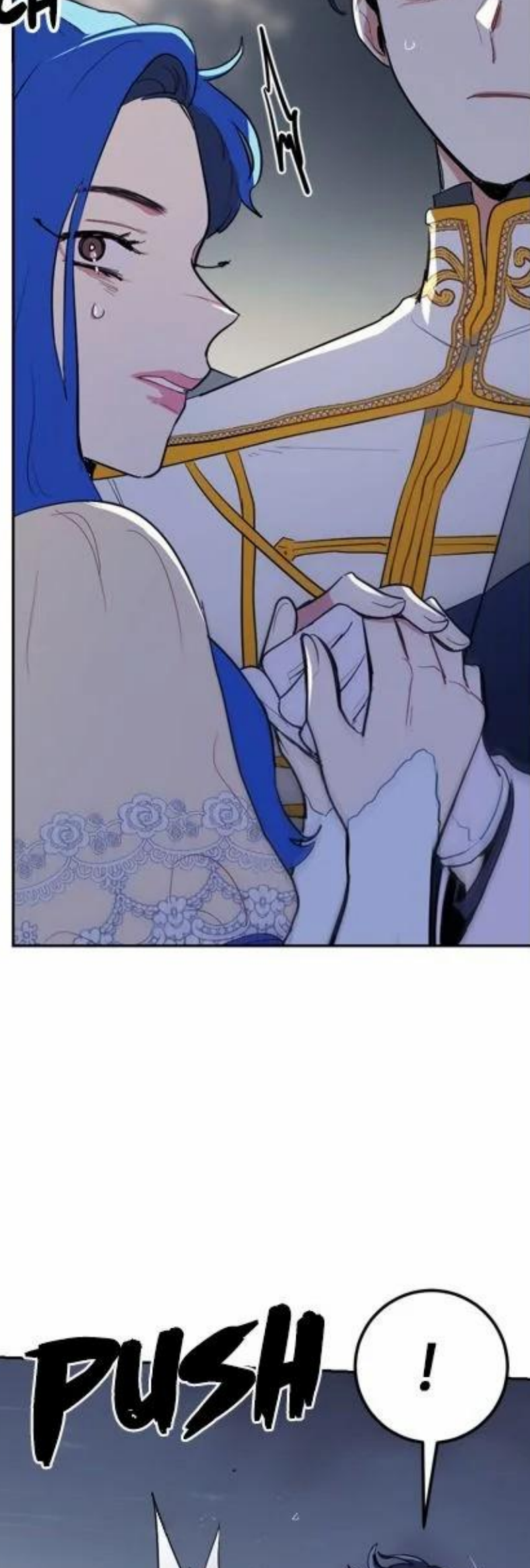
SUPER  
AWKWARD





AREN'T THOSE  
FIREWORKS SO  
PRETTY?!!

FLINCH



PUSH !



SLAM

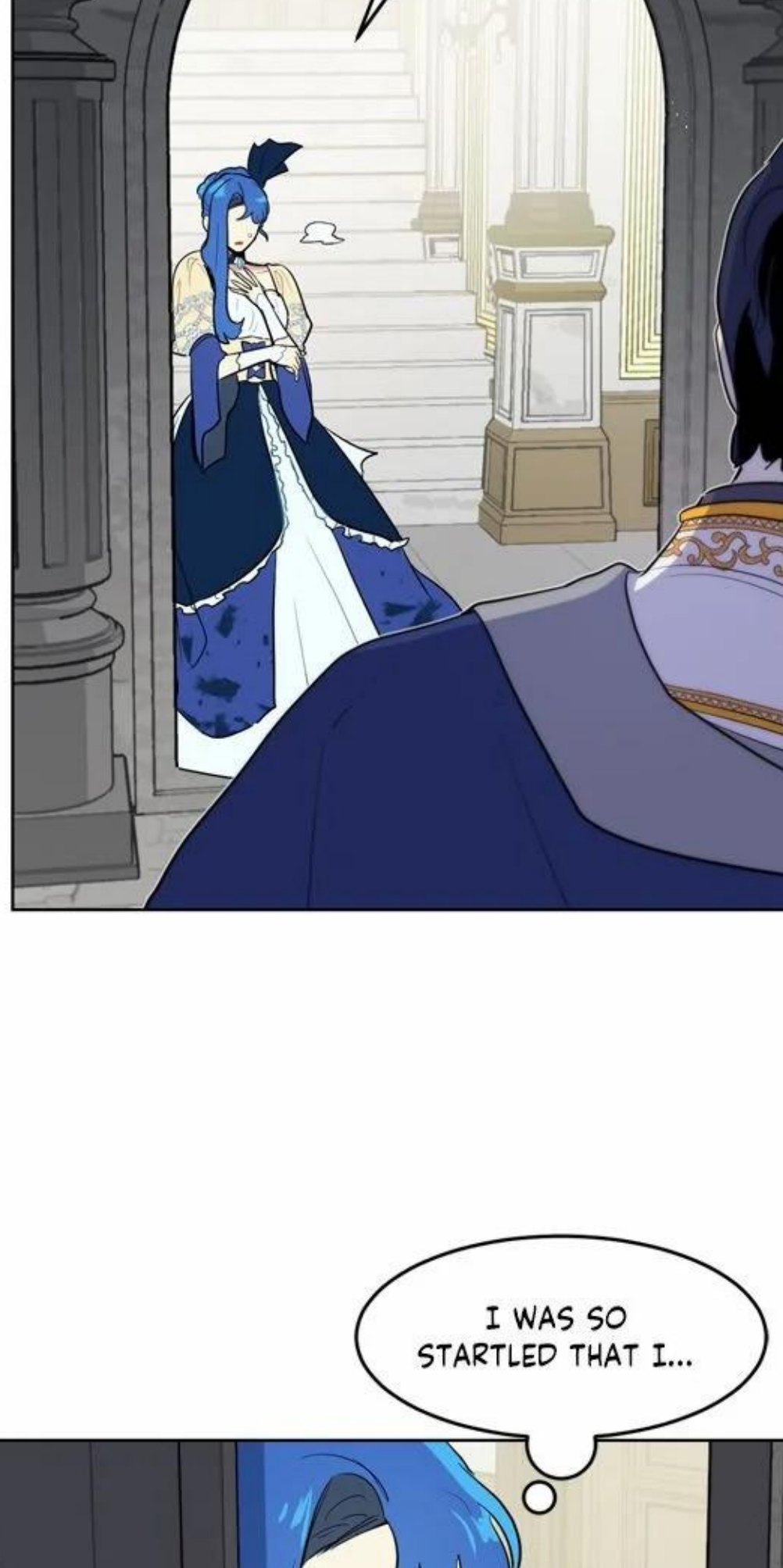


OH GOSH, YOU  
SCARED ME! WHY'D YOU  
SUDDENLY YELL?

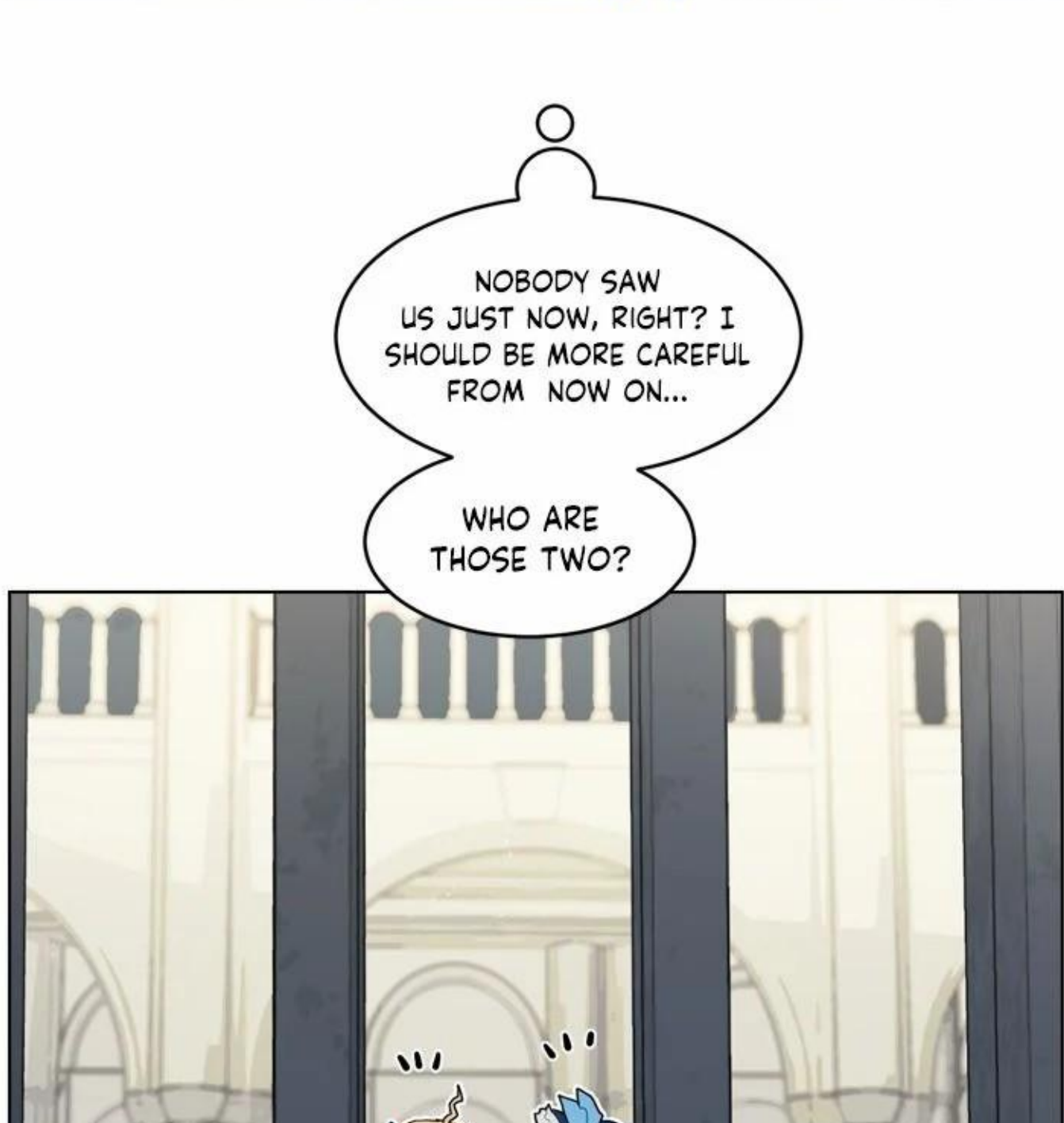
WHISTLE



HEHE... JUST  
BECAUSE THE FIREWORKS  
WERE SO LOUD.



I WAS SO  
STARTLED THAT I...



NOBODY SAW  
US JUST NOW, RIGHT? I  
SHOULD BE MORE CAREFUL  
FROM NOW ON...

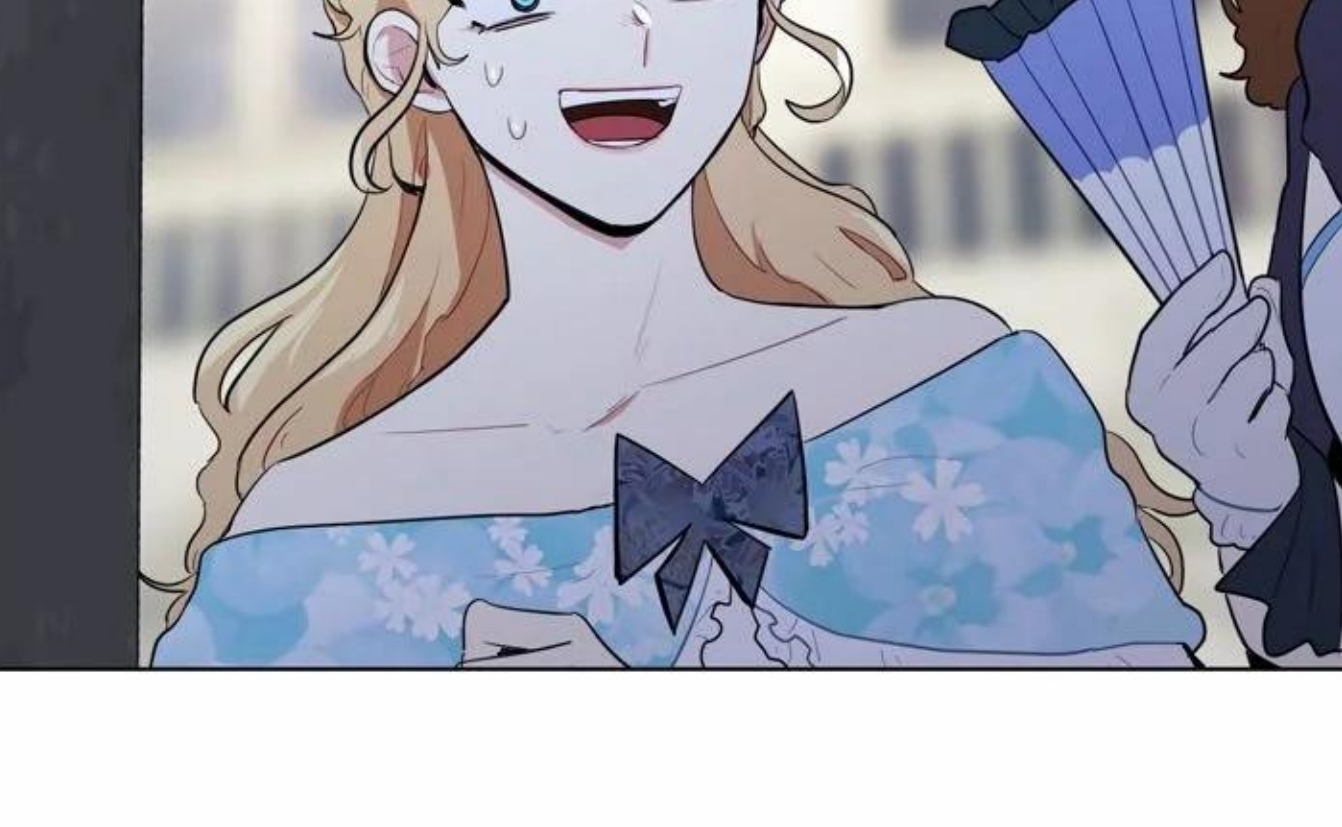
WHO ARE  
THOSE TWO?



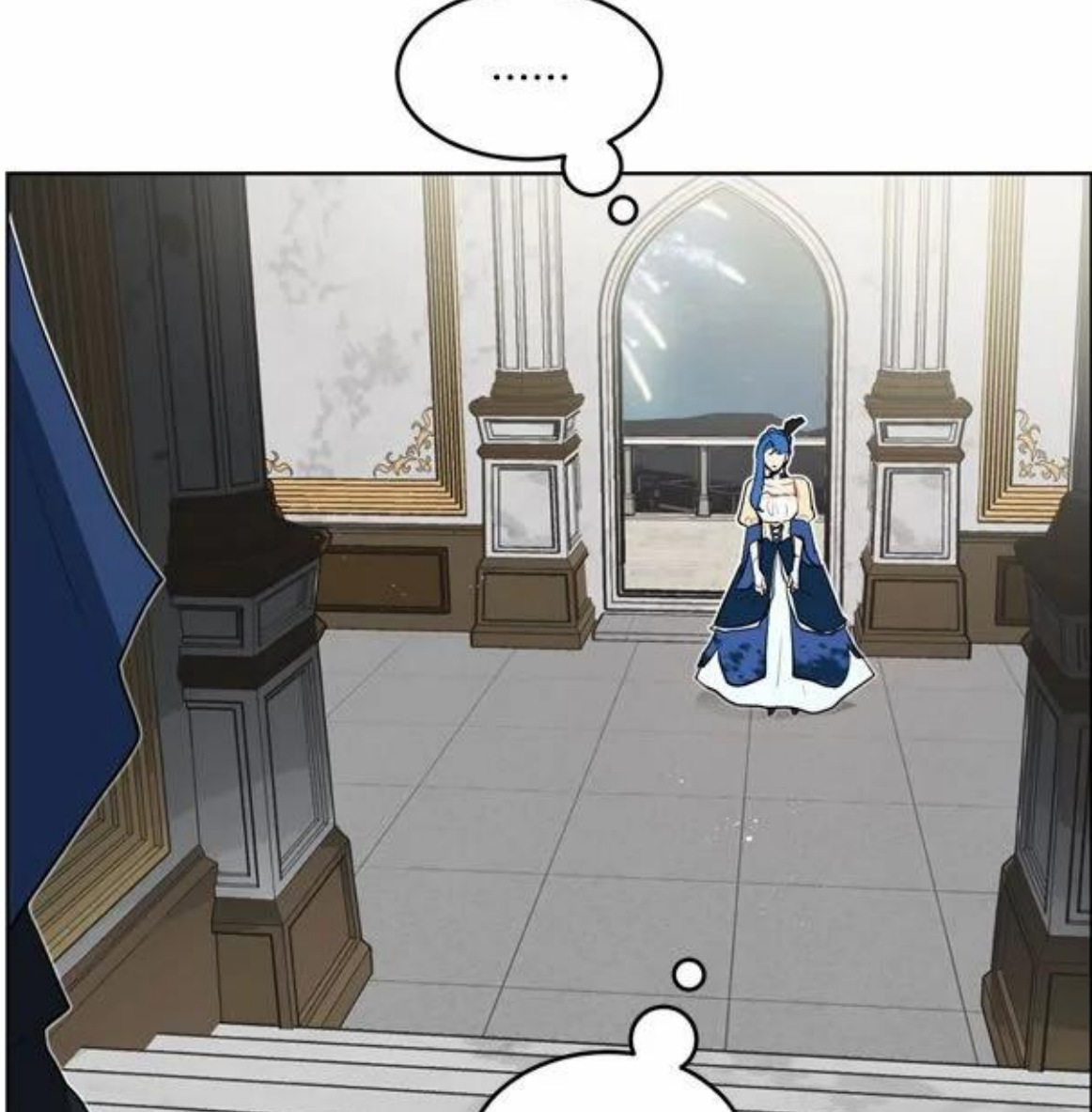
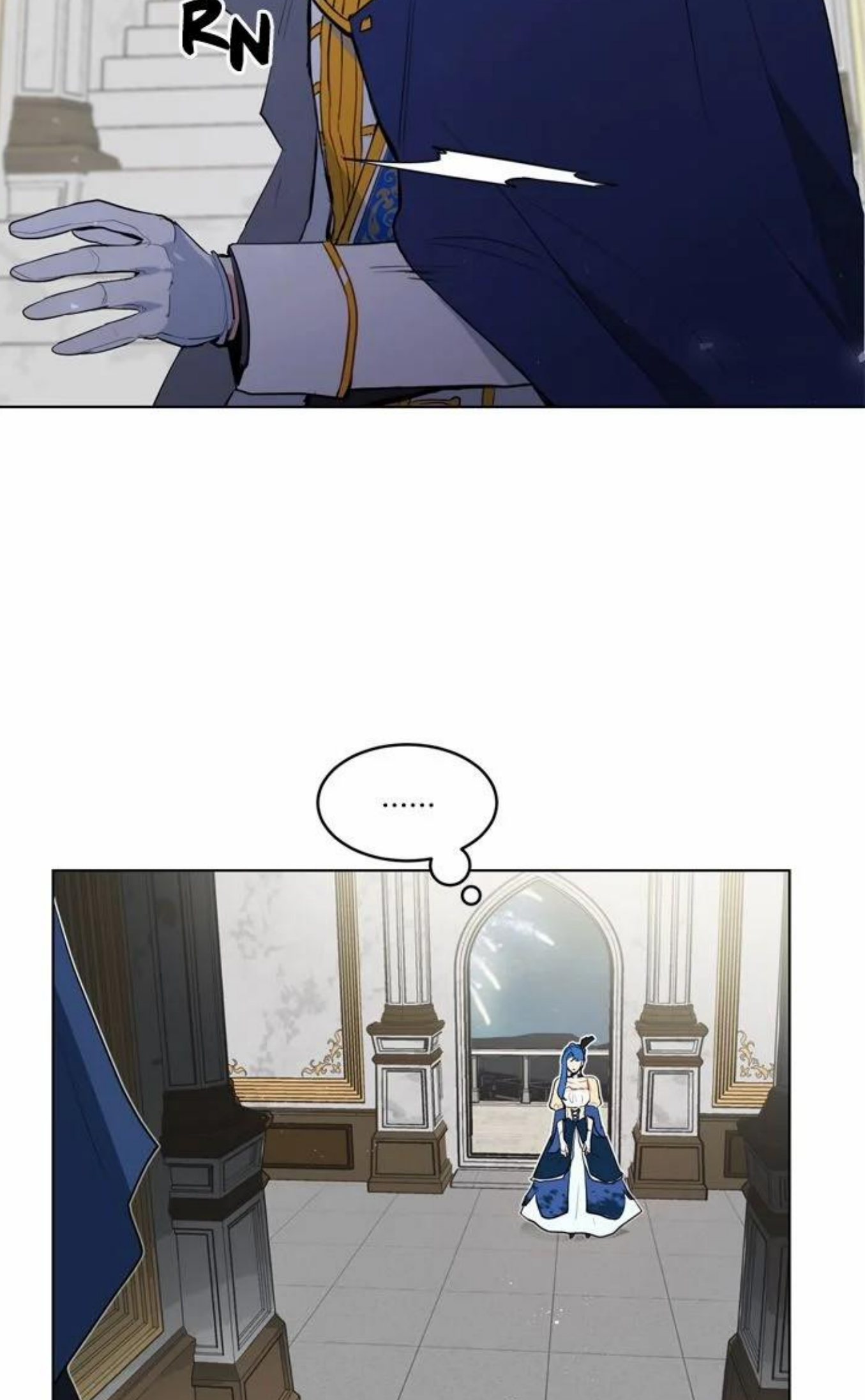
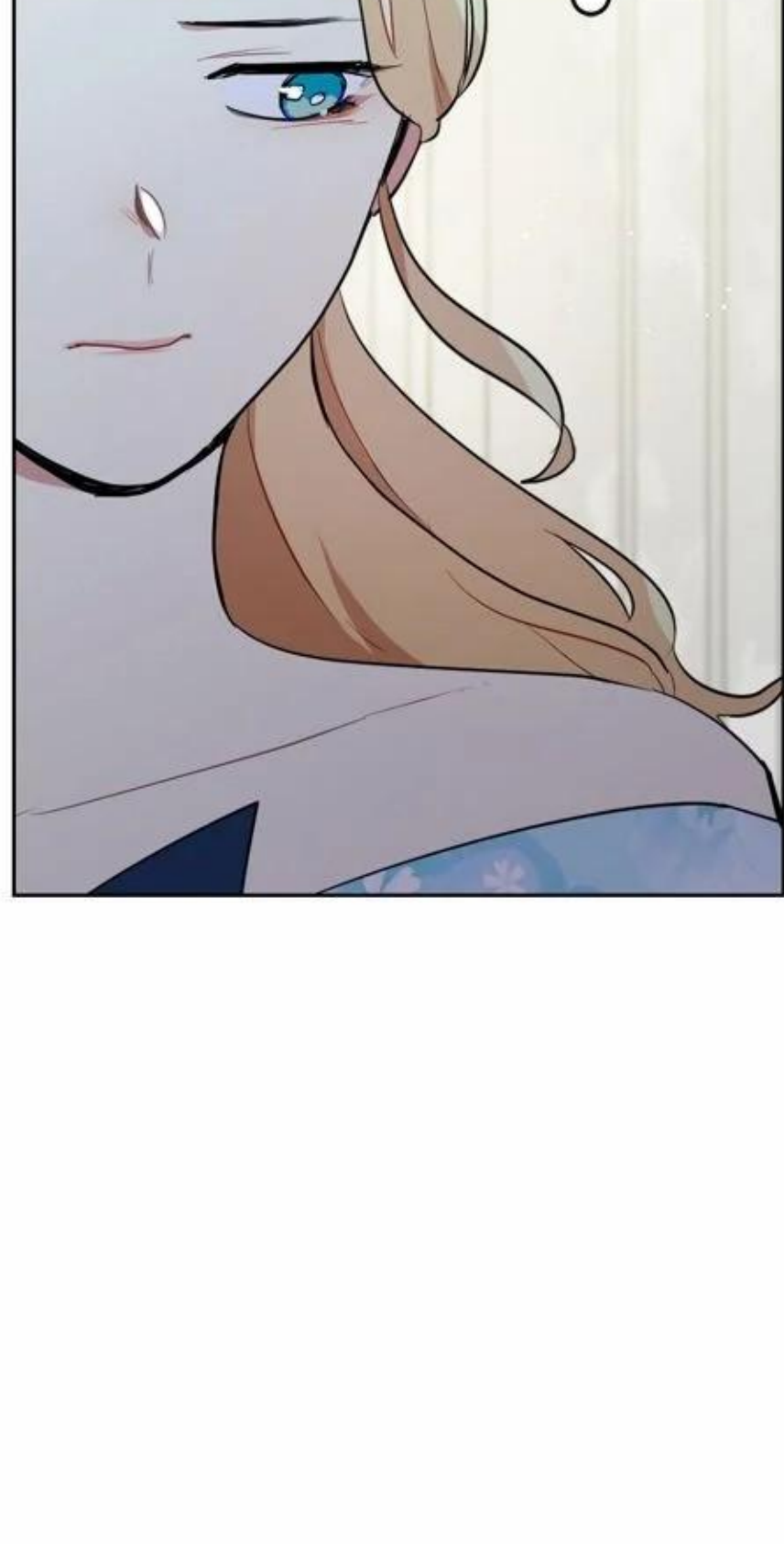
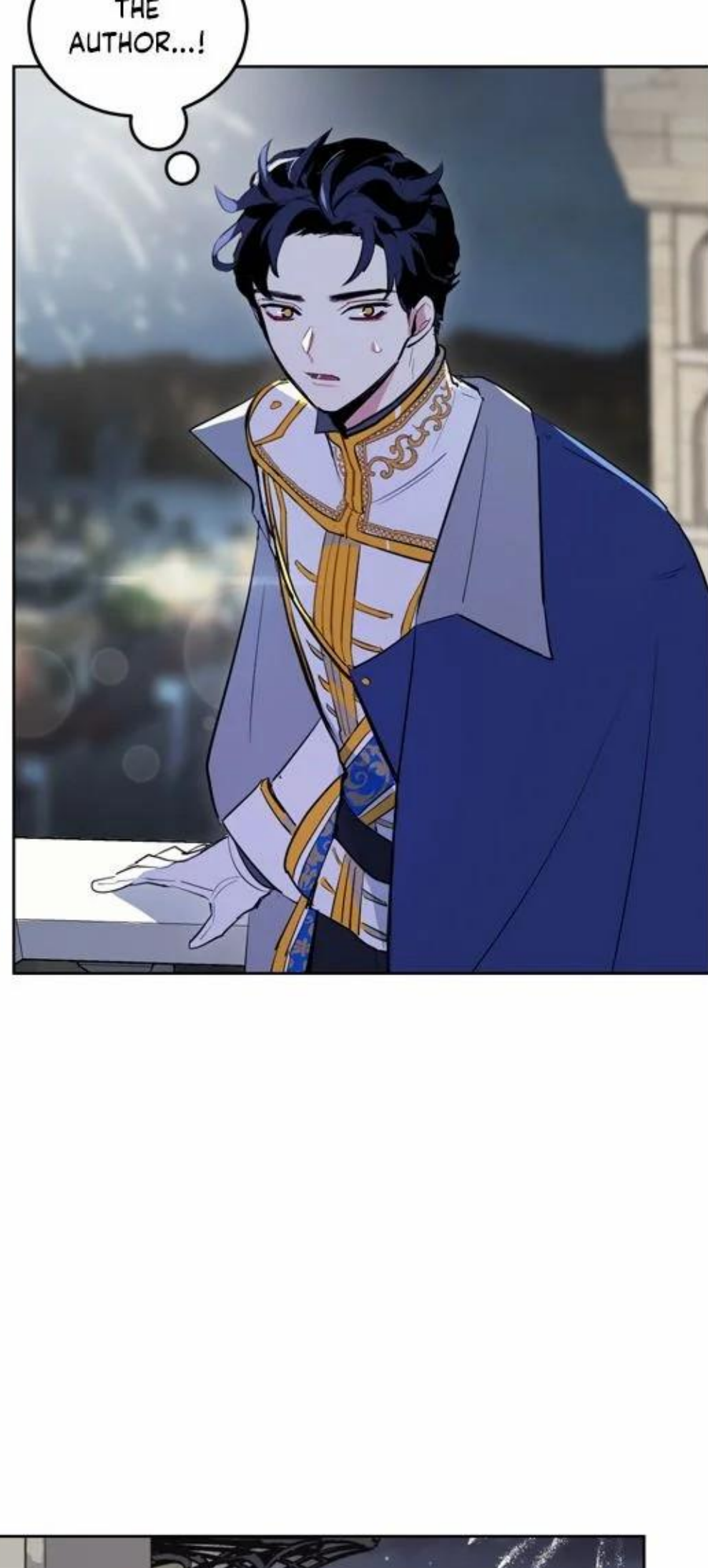
OH MY,  
ISN'T THAT DUKE  
RAYBURN?!

AH, YES,  
IT IS.

ESPECIALLY THAT  
BLONDIE. WHY DOES SHE  
KEEP GETTING IN MY WAY?











THEN WHAT WAS THAT TOUCH EARLIER FOR?



BUT YOU WERE THE ONE WHO INITIATED IT...  
.....



HIS TWIN IS BESIDE HIM...  
IS SHE THE PRINCESS?



SHE'S TALL AND RESEMBLES HIM QUITE A BIT.



PFFT. I BET NO ONE WOULD BE ABLE TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN THE TWO IF SHE DRESSED UP LIKE A MAN.

HIS TWIN...!

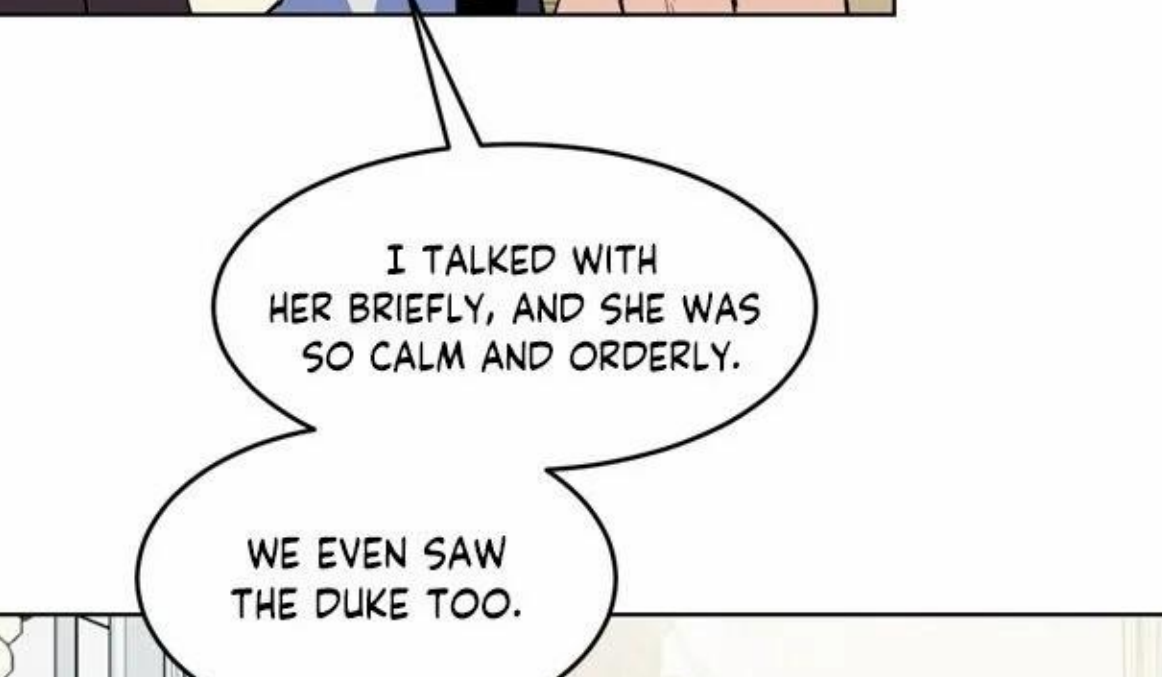


DID THAT GIRL PLAY A TRICK ON ME?

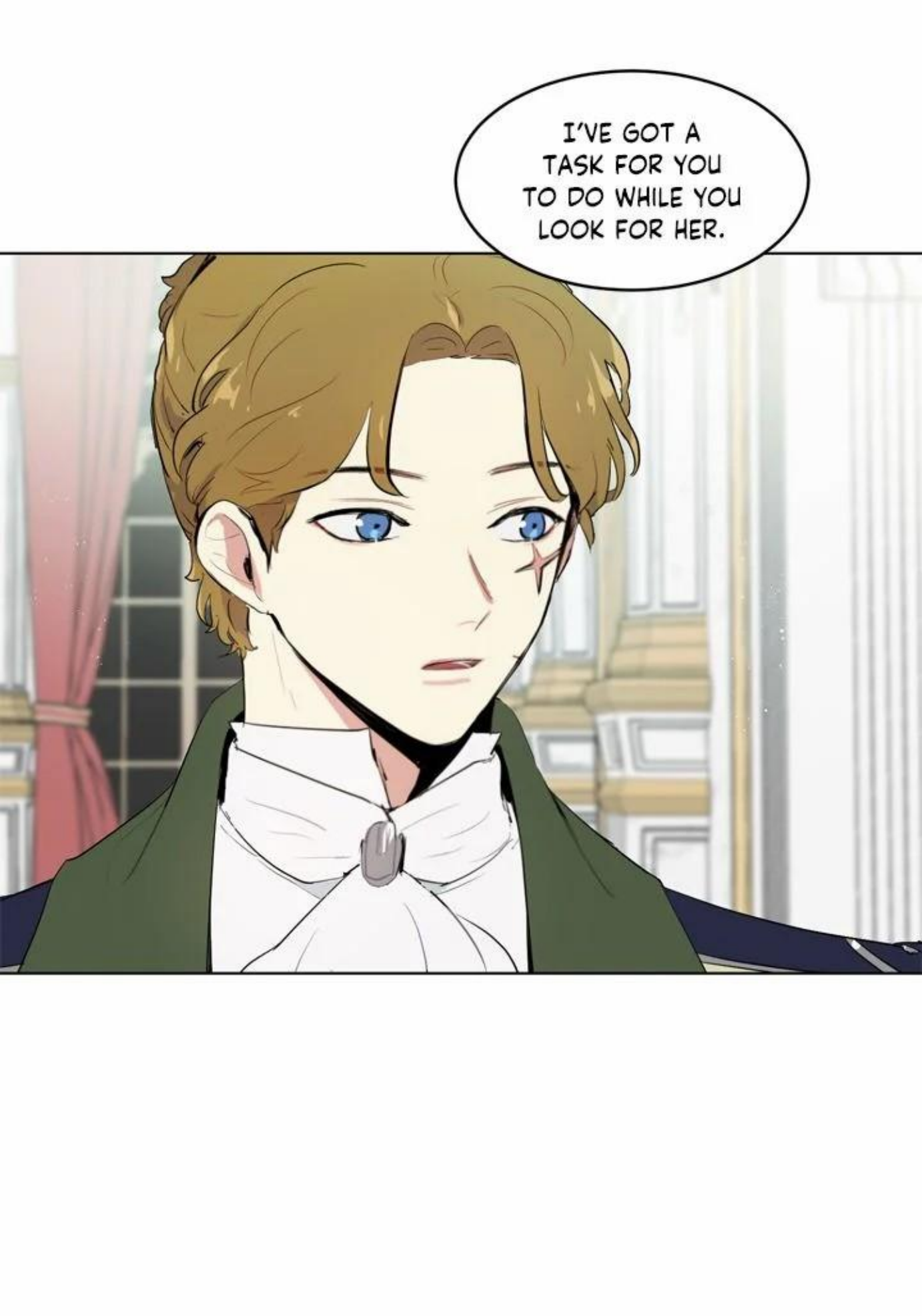


HOW DARE SHE PULL SUCH A CHILDISH PRANK ON ME...!



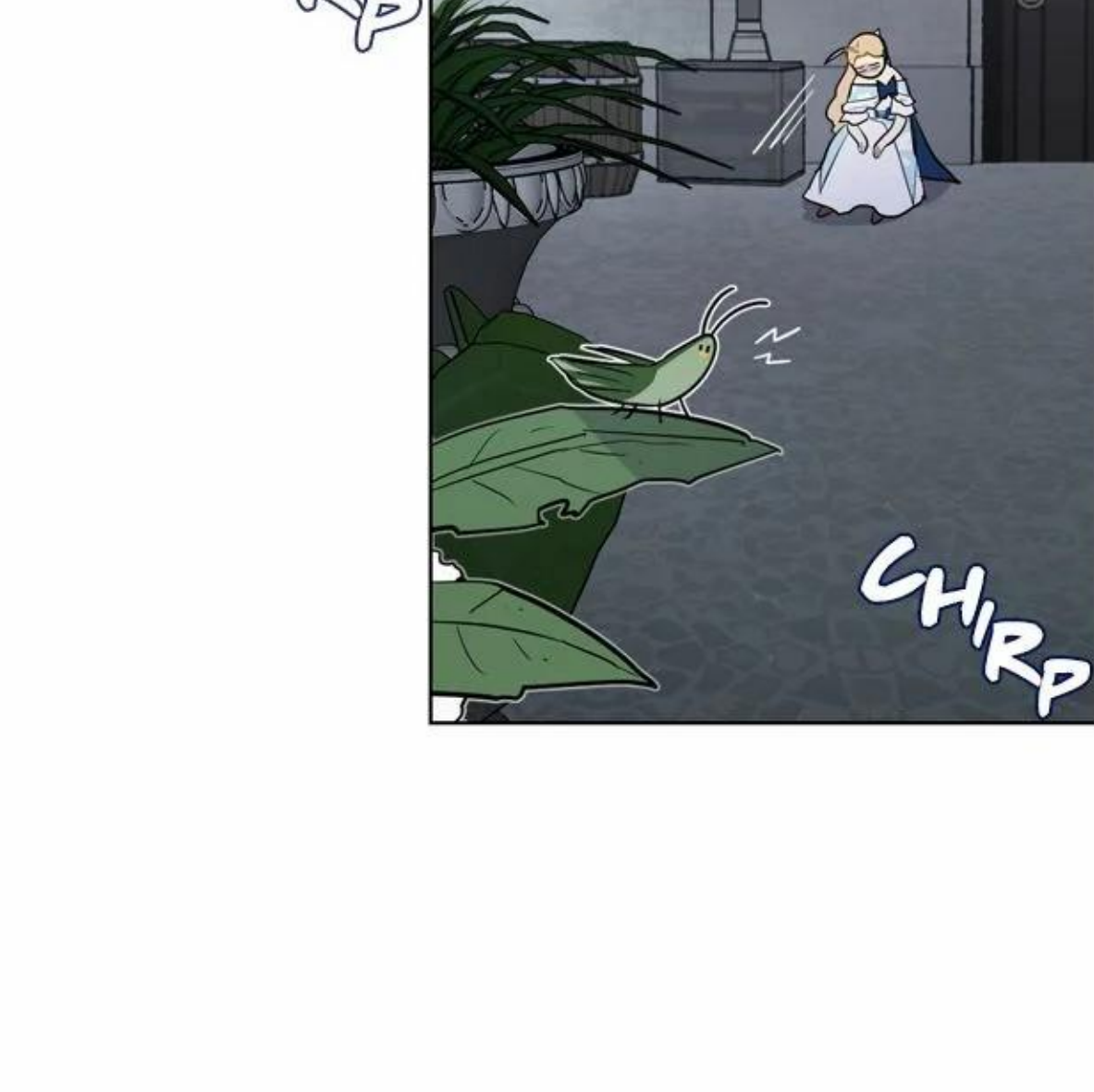






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- SOMEWHERE IN THE CASTLE -



I DON'T KNOW WHETHER I'M TIRED BECAUSE

I'VE BEEN THINKING TOO MUCH, OR BECAUSE OF THAT LADY...

FRAZZLED...

KY - AA



ANYWAY, WHAT HAPPENED BACK THERE?

I CAN'T THINK OF A GOOD EXPLANATION.

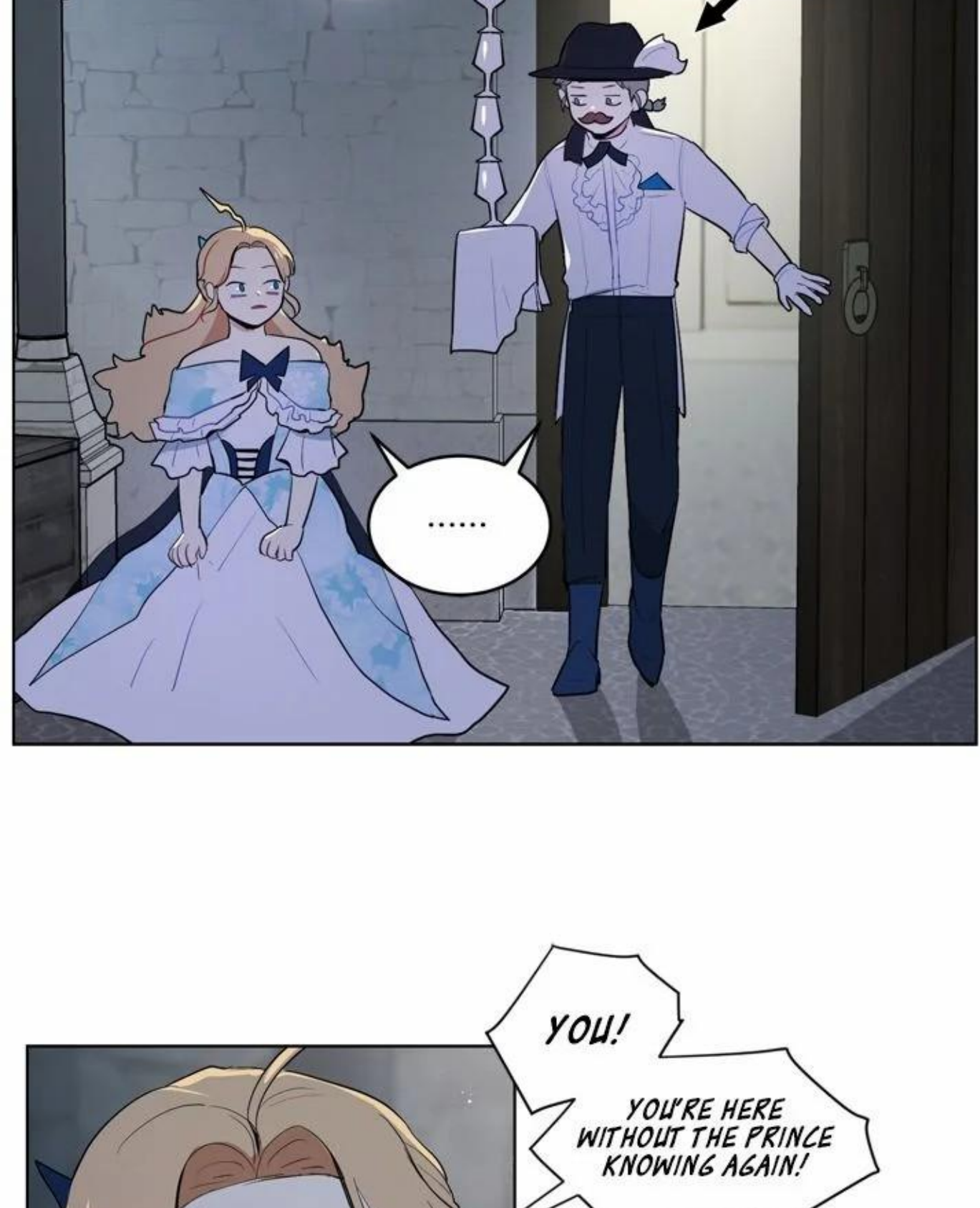


AND EVEN IF I ASK THE PRINCE, HE'D NEVER TELL ME.



GEEZ,

WHY ARE THEY GIVING ME ALL OF THEIR GLASSES...?



WANDERED OFF DEEP IN THE CASTLE TO DISPOSE OF THEM.

YOU!

YOU'RE HERE WITHOUT THE PRINCE KNOWING AGAIN!

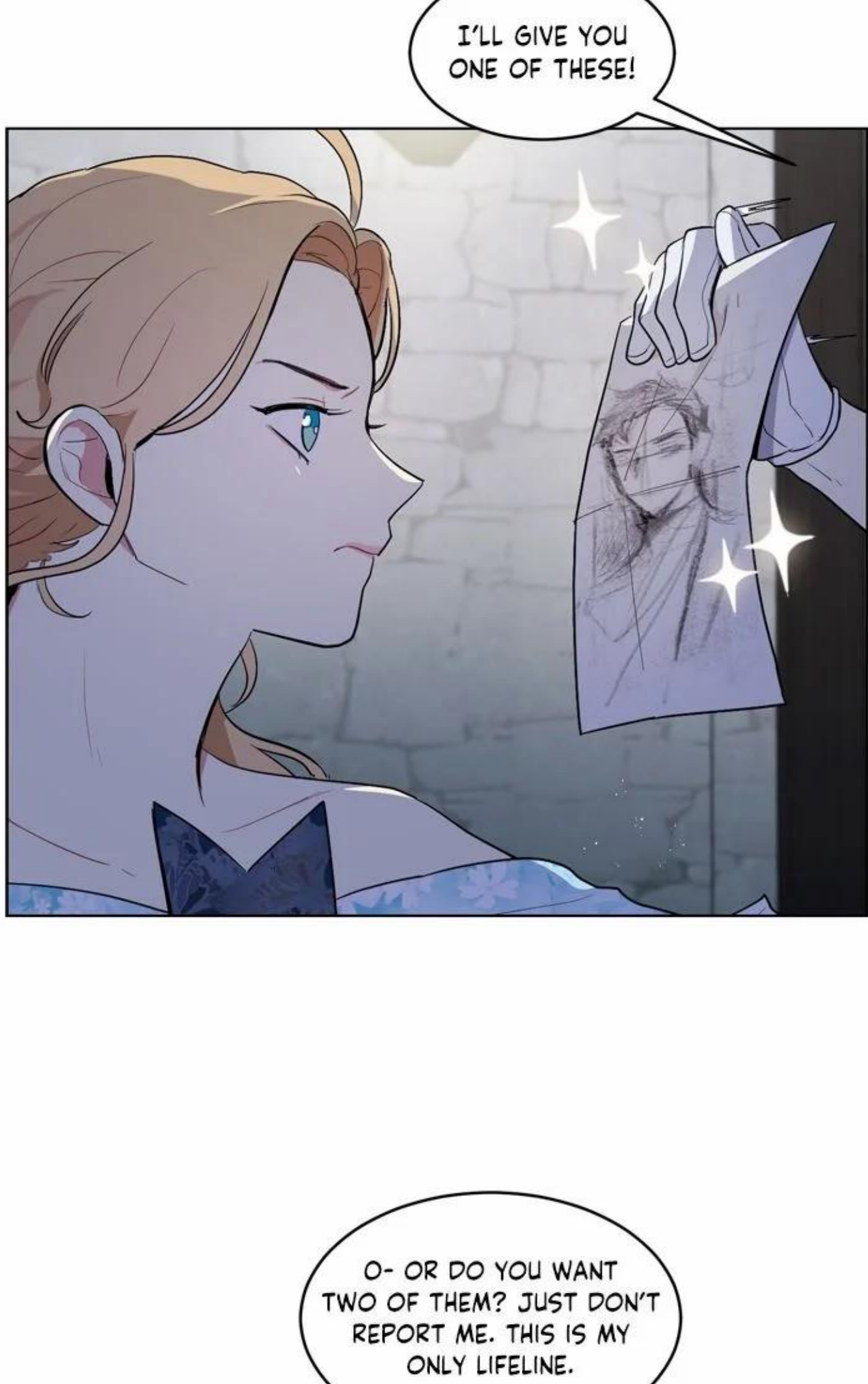
WHY IS SHE HERE AGAIN?!

I HAD THE PERFECT DISGUISE!!

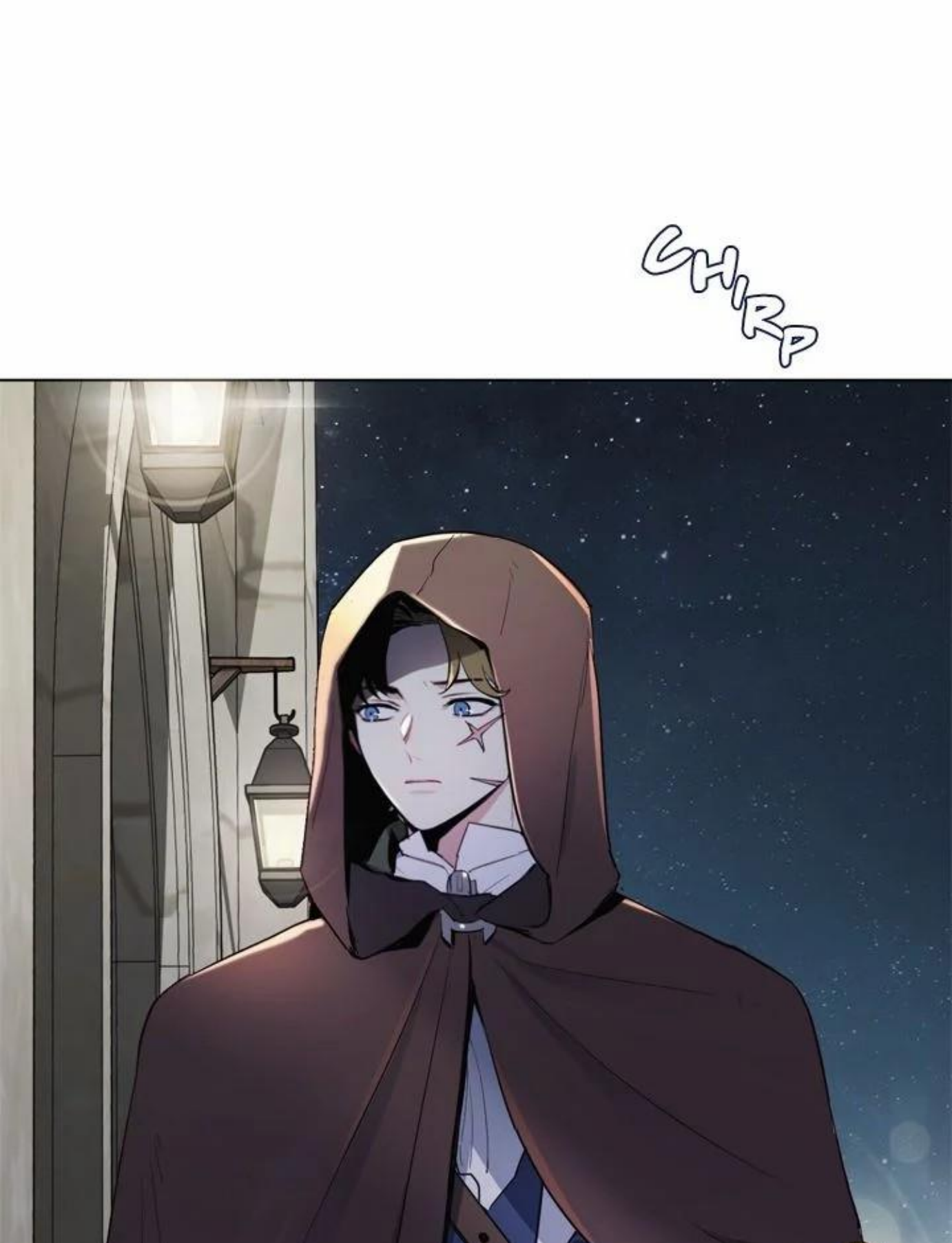
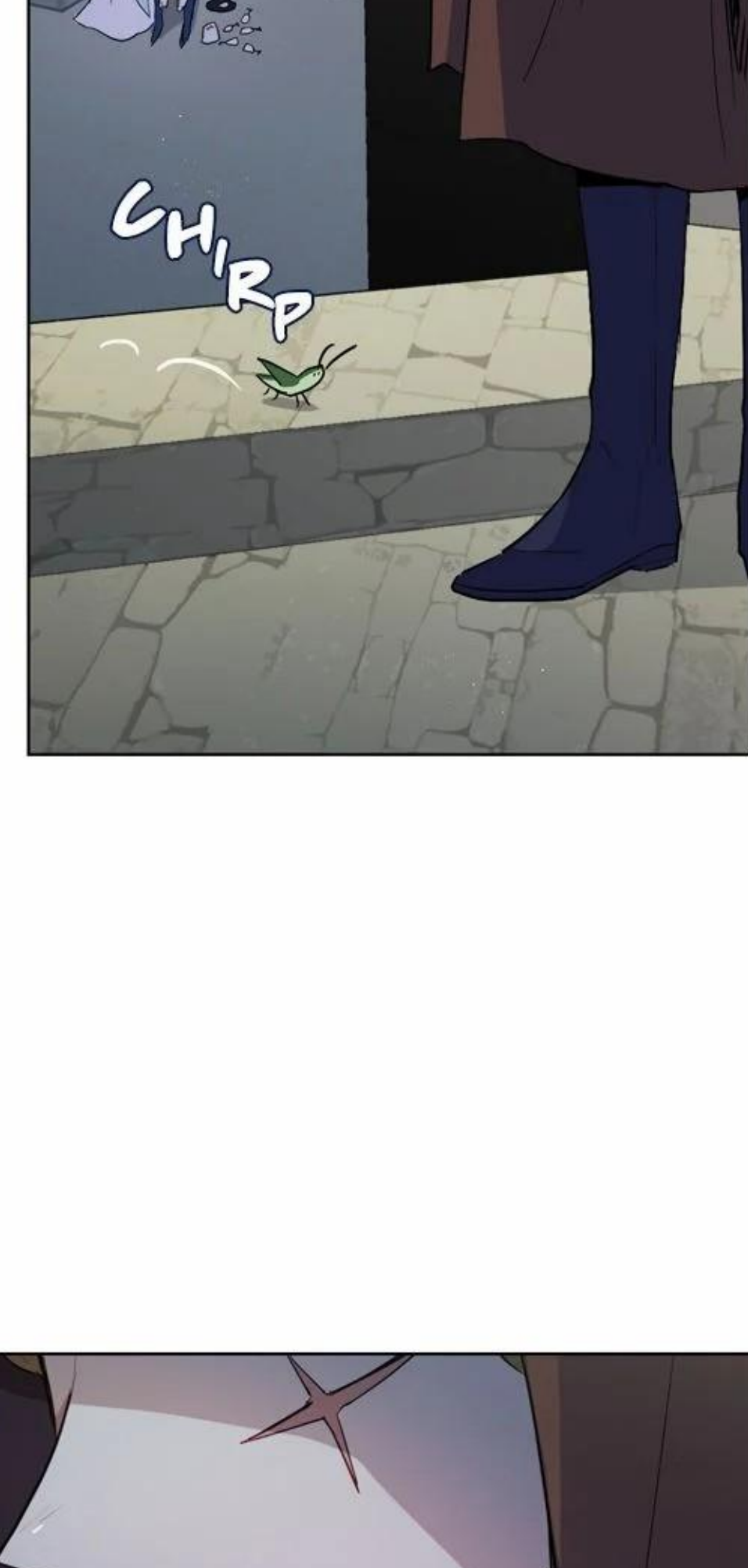
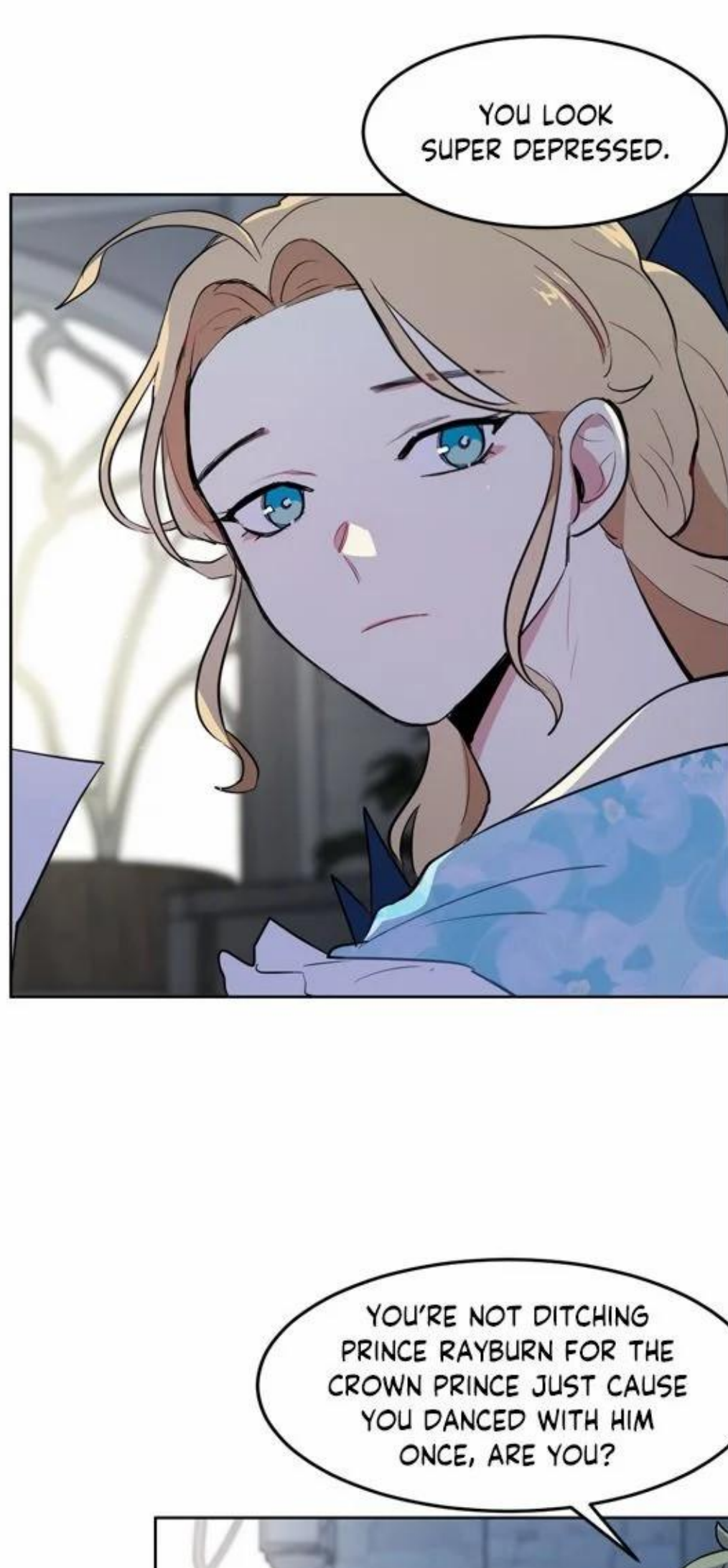
(HE DIDN'T)

I'M GOING TO REPORT YOU!









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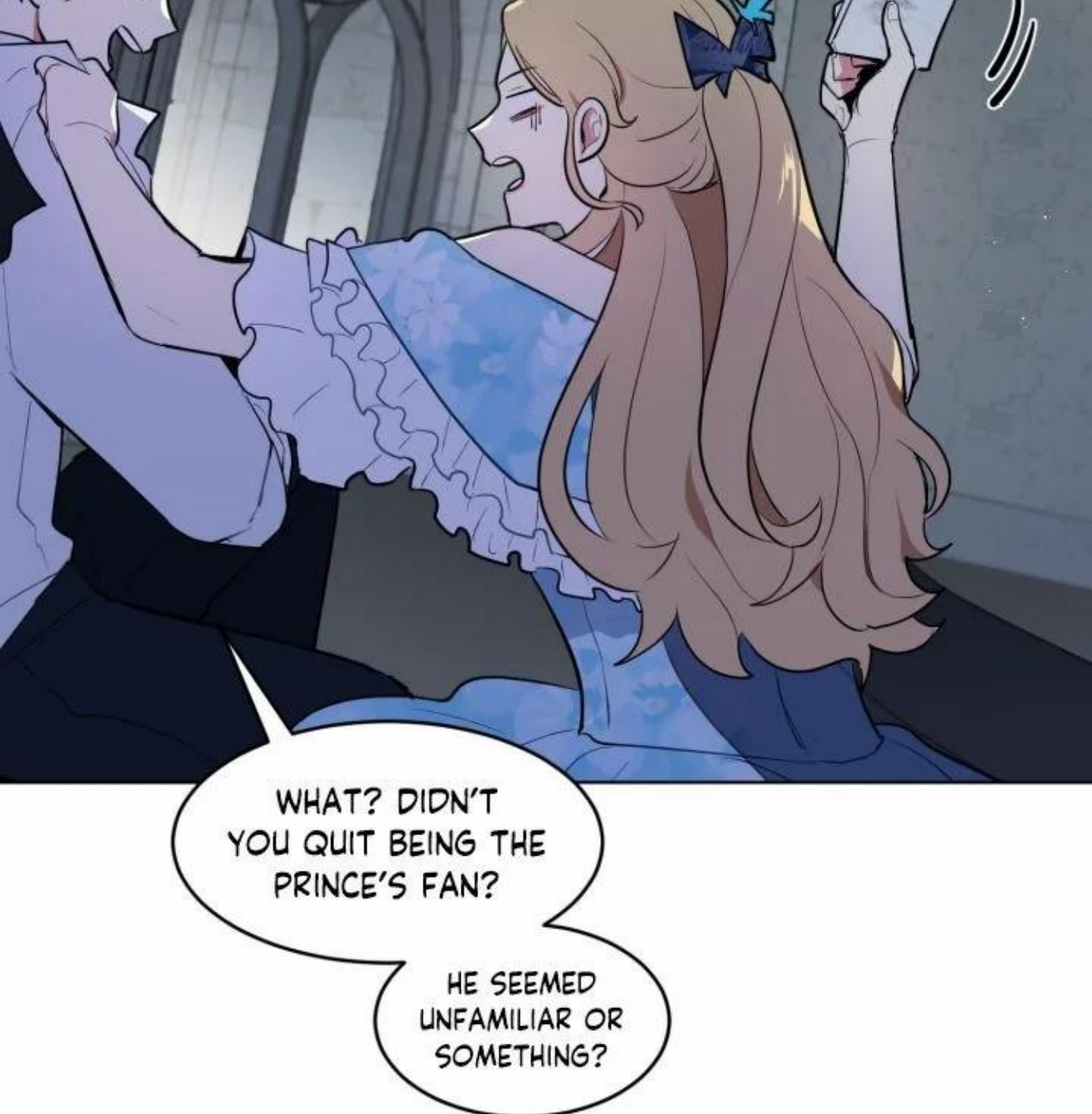
THIS IS THE  
ONLY DRAWING I CAN  
GIVE YOU, IDIOT.

IT'S HOW YOU  
LOOKED WHEN THE  
CROWN PRINCE ASKED  
YOU FOR A DANCE.



WHY ARE ALL OF YOUR <sup>bb</sup>  
DRAWINGS OF ME SO CRUDE?  
LOOK, EVEN THE PAPER IS  
TORN APART.

YOUR FACE,  
LOL.



SHUT UP BEFORE I  
TEAR YOU APART. HURRY UP  
AND HAND OVER A DECENT  
DRAWING ALREADY!

WHAT? DIDN'T  
YOU QUIT BEING THE  
PRINCE'S FAN?

HE SEEMED  
UNFAMILIAR OR  
SOMETHING?



.....

...THAT'S  
RIGHT.



HE SEEMED LIKE  
A DIFFERENT PERSON  
TO ME.



BUT...





SLIDE



SWOOSH



WHO...

!

FREEZE

DID HOYA ORDER  
YOU TO RAISE YOUR  
SWORD AGAINST THE  
AUTHOR?

I DON'T RECALL  
TELLING YOU TO  
DO THAT.



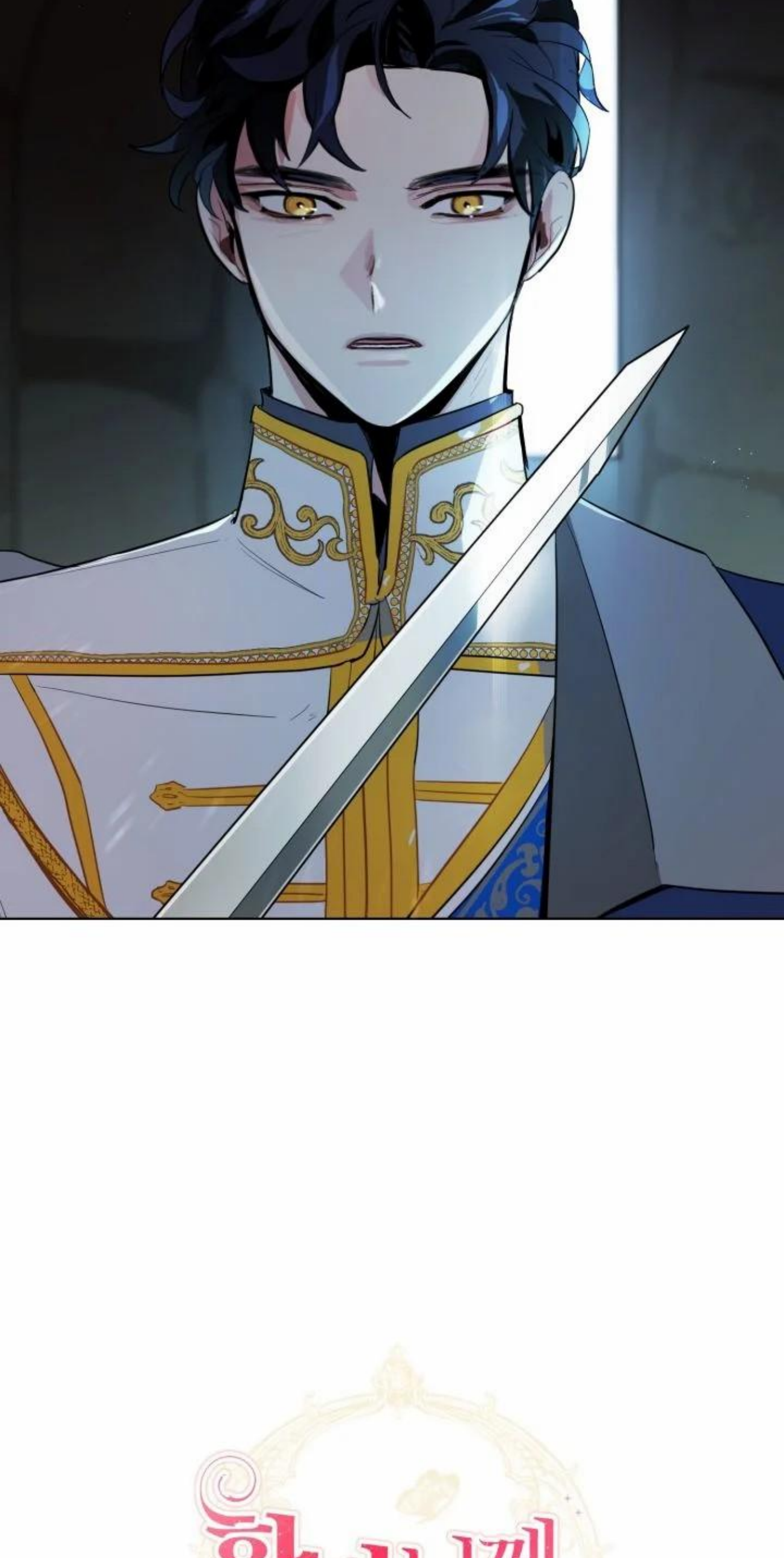
THUMP...

...AH...

AS A RESULT, YOU'RE  
EVEN RAISING YOUR SWORD  
AGAINST ME.



JUST  
WHOSE KNIGHT  
ARE YOU?



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입덕  
한다



??  
HUH?



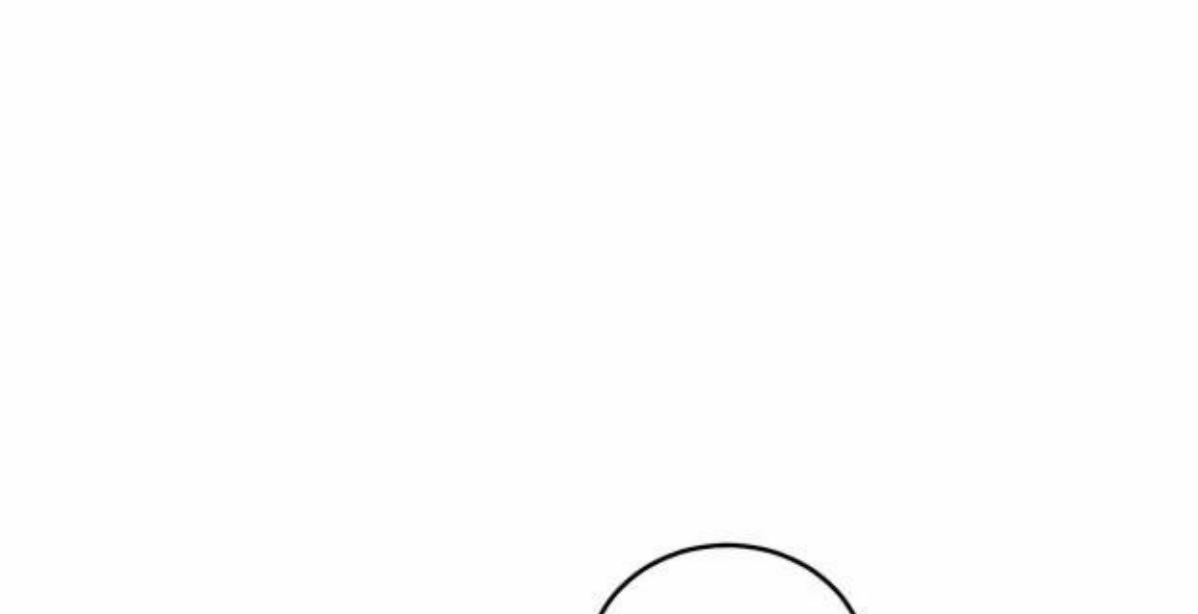
WHY AM I  
RUNNING AWAY  
AGAIN?



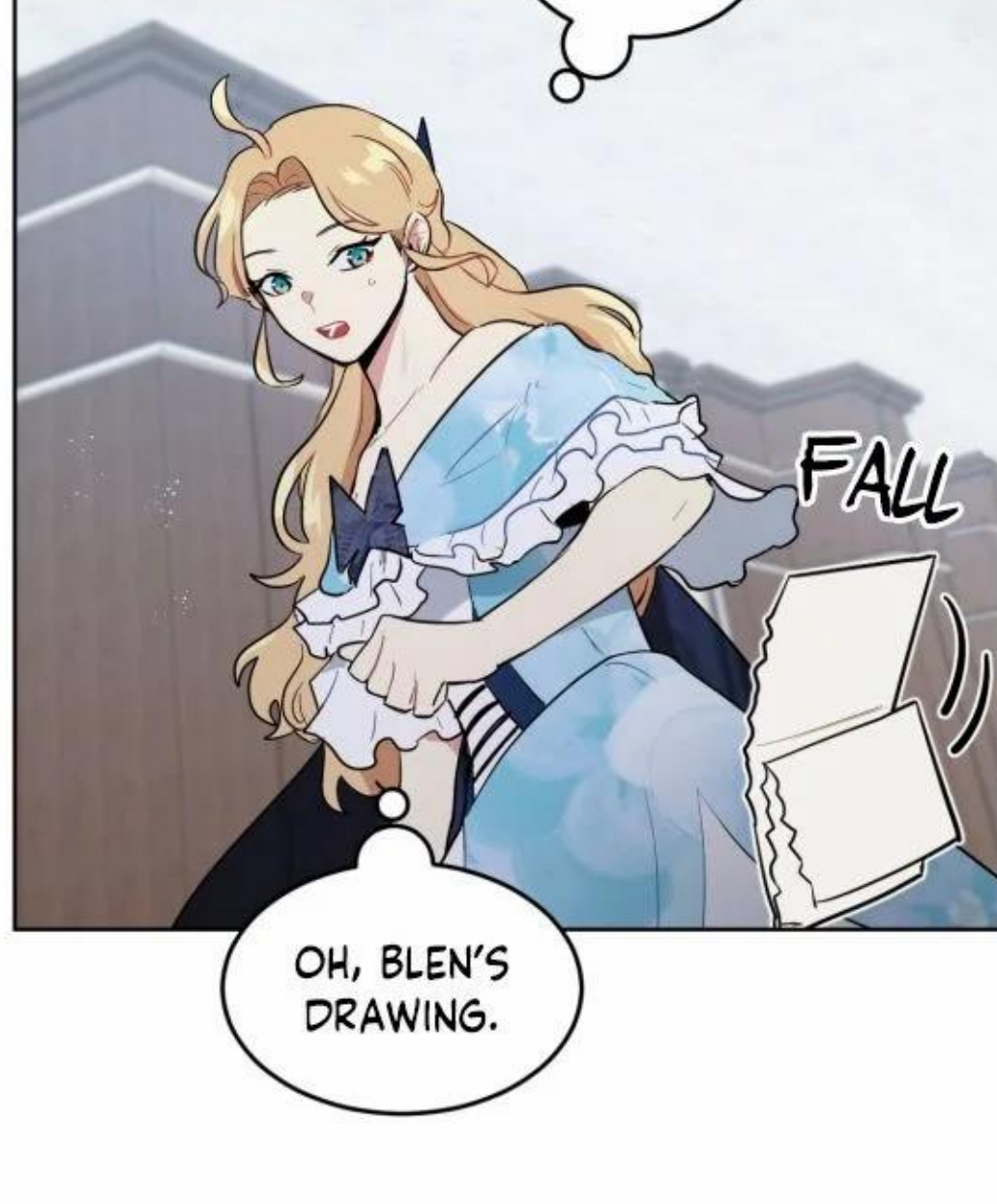
EARLIER



GEEZ, HOW COME  
I KEEP AVOIDING HIM  
EVER SINCE WE CAME  
TO THE CASTLE...?



OOPS.



OH, BLEN'S  
DRAWING.

HUH?  
IT CONNECTS  
HORIZONTALLY?

THAT'S PRETTY NEAT.



...I REALLY  
WANTED A DIFFERENT  
DRAWING THOUGH.



JUST LOOKING AT  
THIS SCENE REMINDS ME  
OF HOW THE PRINCE THE  
PRINCE LOOKED THEN.



OH, BLEN EVEN DREW  
IT IN. ANYONE CAN SEE THAT  
THIS IS THE FIRST PRINCE.

FAIRLY DETAILED



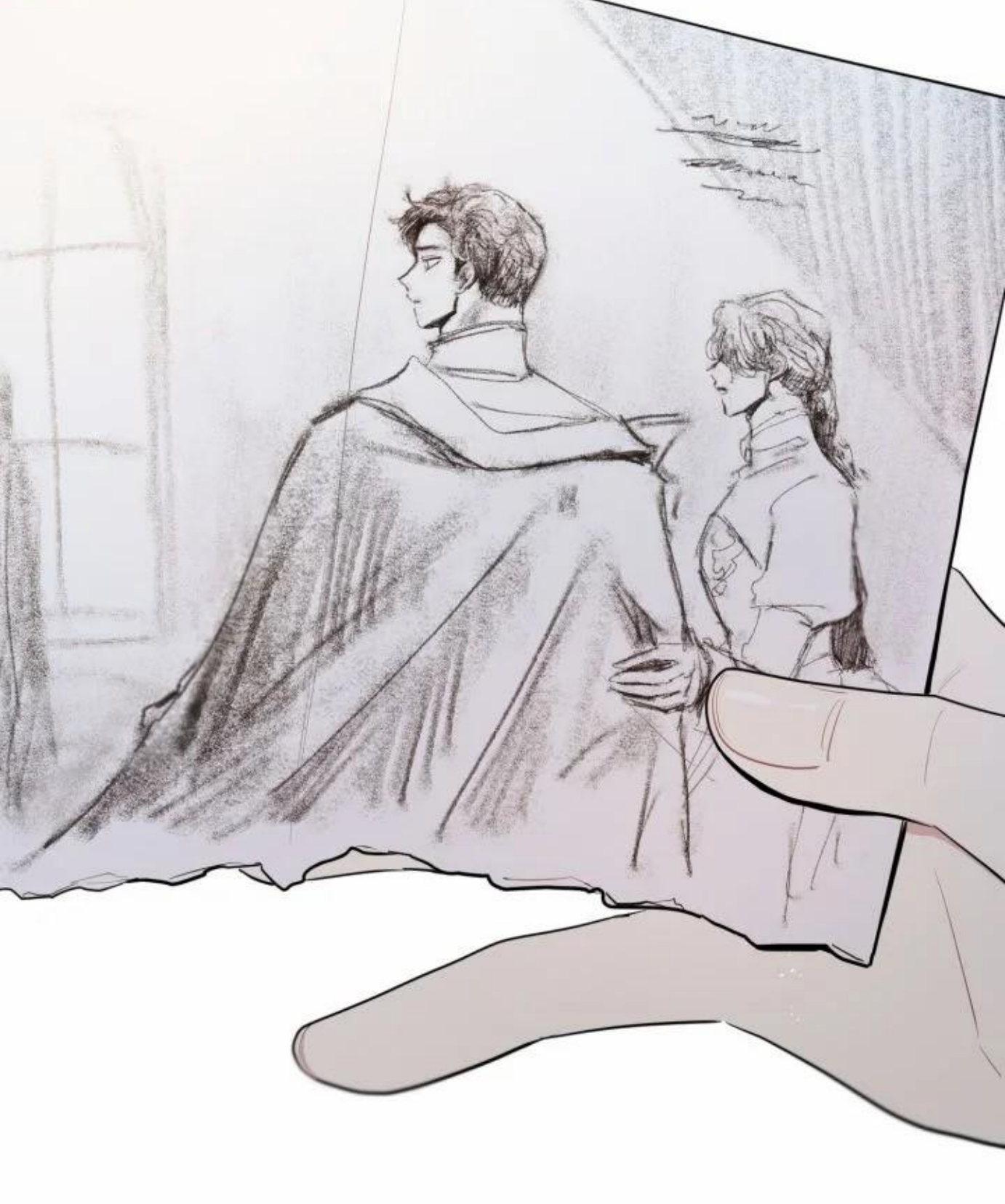




WELP... I CAN'T BELIEVE  
I HAVE TO SEE HIM LOOKING  
AWAY SO INDIFFERENTLY EVEN  
IN THIS DRAWING.

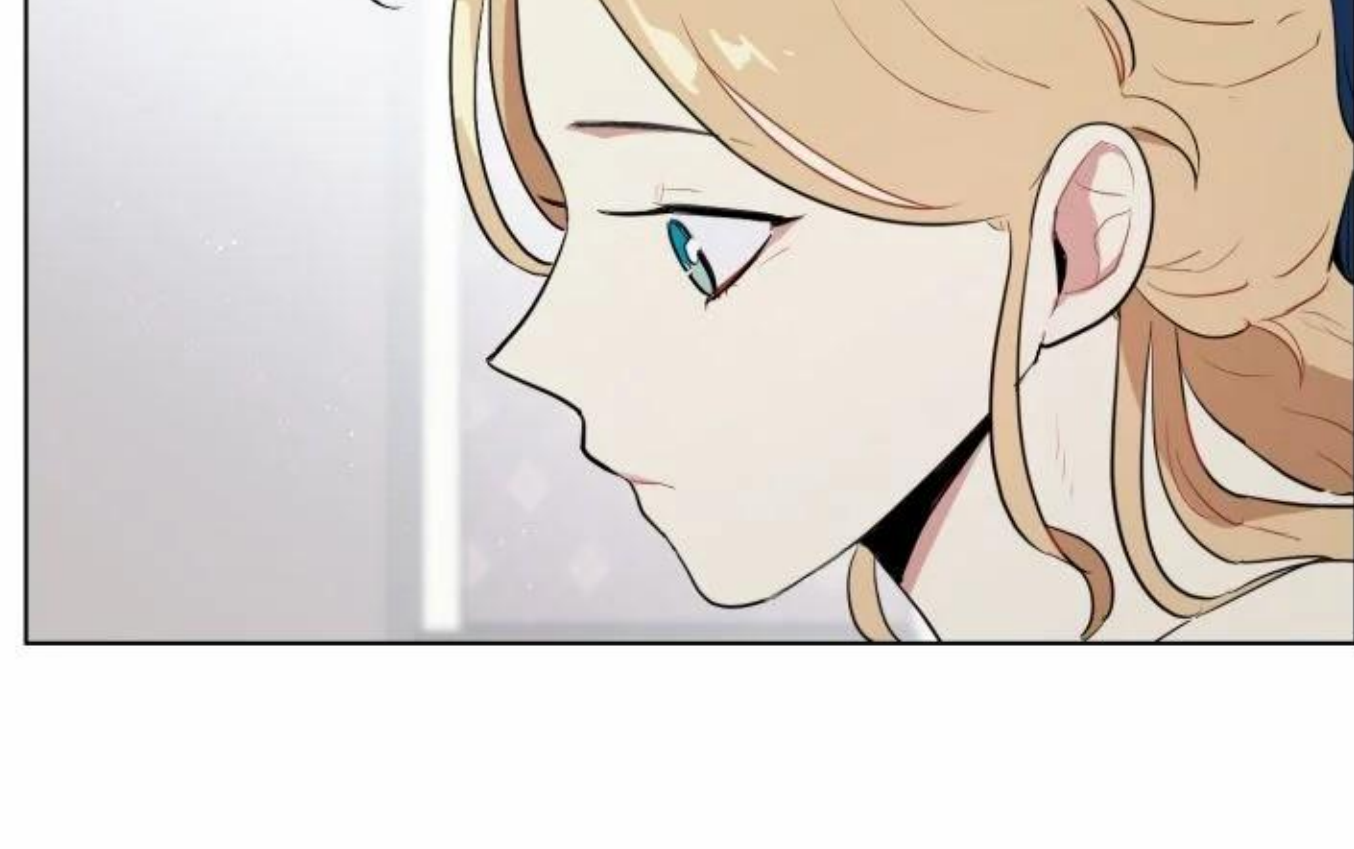
FLUTTER

...I WISH THIS HALF  
DIDN'T EVEN EXIST...

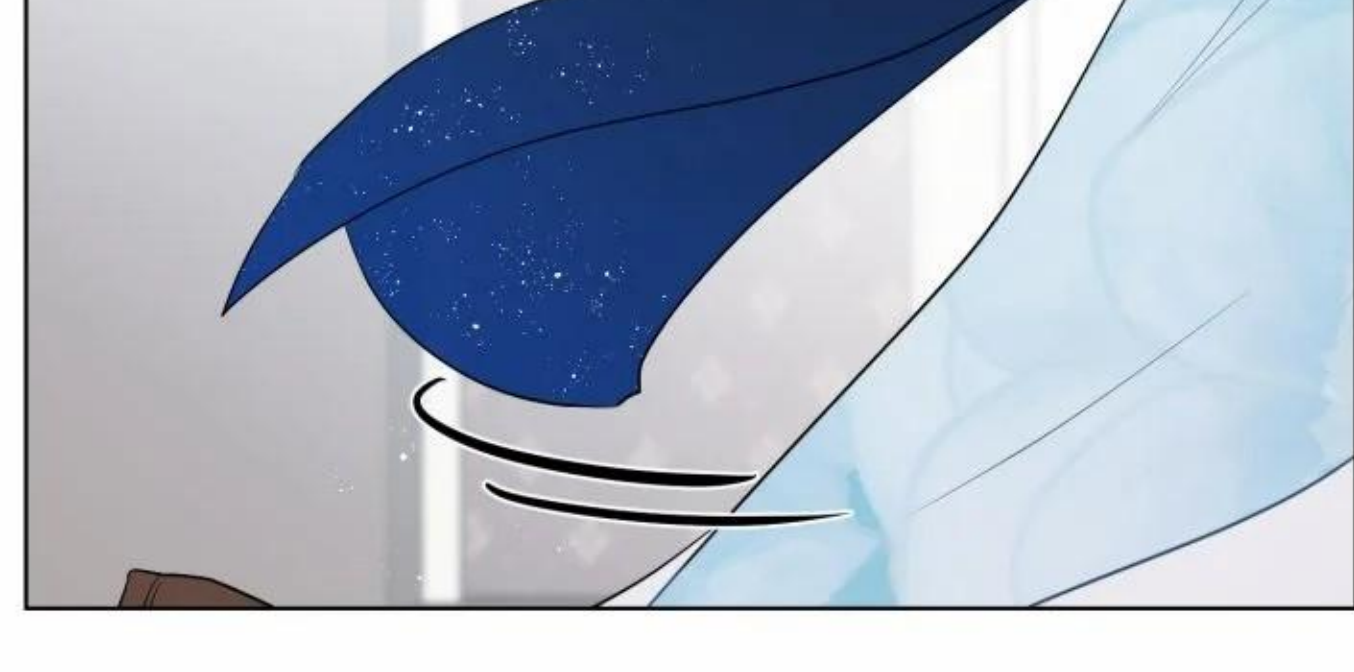


SO OTHER PEOPLE  
WON'T GET SWEEPED ALONG  
SO EASILY WITH ALL  
THE RUMORS.

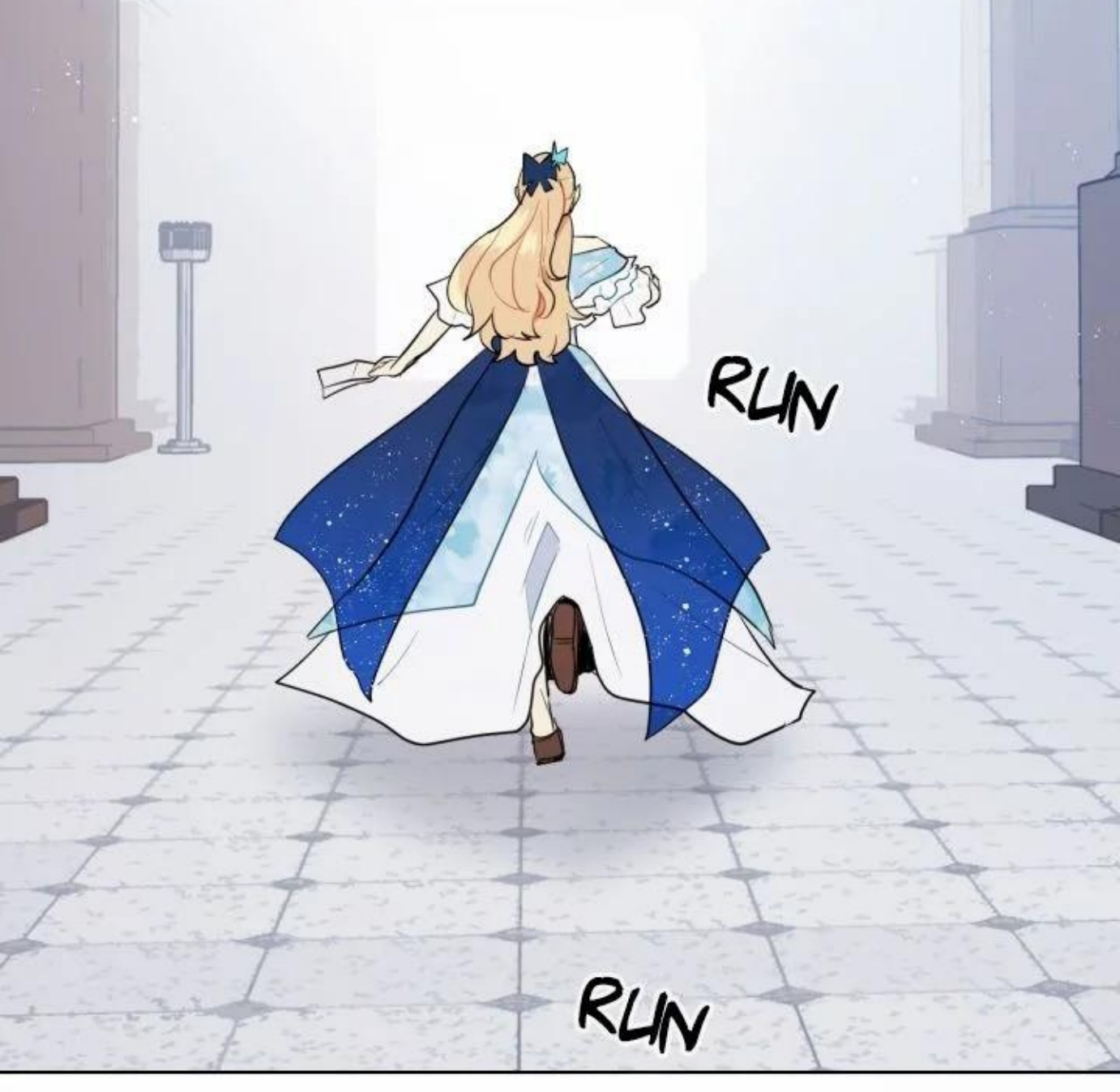
BECAUSE I  
BELIEVE IN YOU.



I'M SUCH  
AN IDIOT.



HOW CAN I CALL  
MYSELF A TRUE FAN?







...THERE REALLY HASN'T BEEN ANYTHING GOING MY WAY SINCE I'VE ARRIVED.



I DON'T LIKE COMING HERE AFTER ALL.



MY DUKE, I DON'T KNOW...



...HOW I CAN EVEN PLEAD FOR FORGIVENESS AFTER WHAT HAPPENED JUST NOW...



PRINCESS HOYA LEFT THE DECISION TO ME.

I WAS THE ONE WHO RAISED MY SWORD... BUT I...

MUMBLE MUMBLE

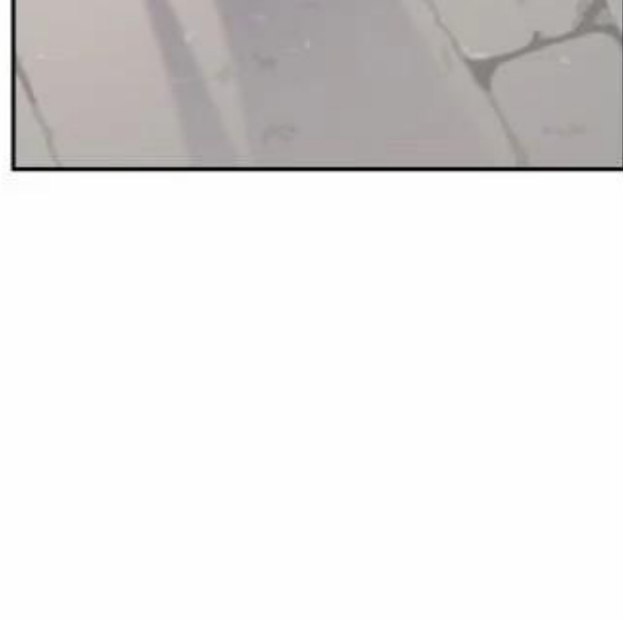


IT MUST HAVE BEEN A BIG SHOCK FOR HIM.

HE CAN'T EVEN THINK STRAIGHT.

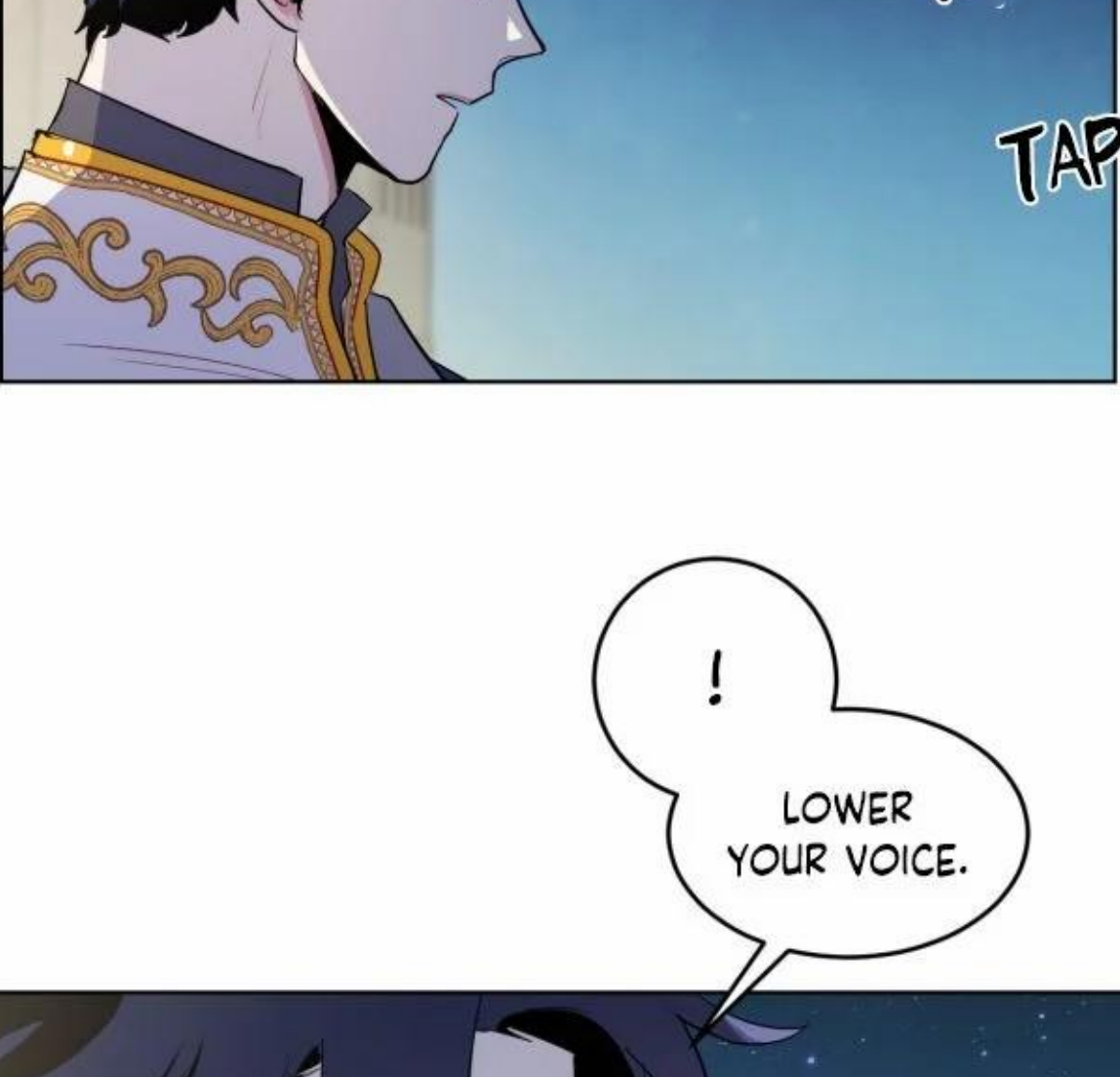
I CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT AS LONG AS MISS ANGELA IS WORKING WITH US,

IT WOULD BE DANGEROUS IF HER TRUST IN YOU WAVERS EVEN THE TINIEST BIT.





FOR SOME REASON,  
EVER SINCE WE CAME TO THE  
CASTLE, MISS ANGELA HAS  
SEEMED ANXIOUS.



!  
LOWER  
YOUR VOICE.

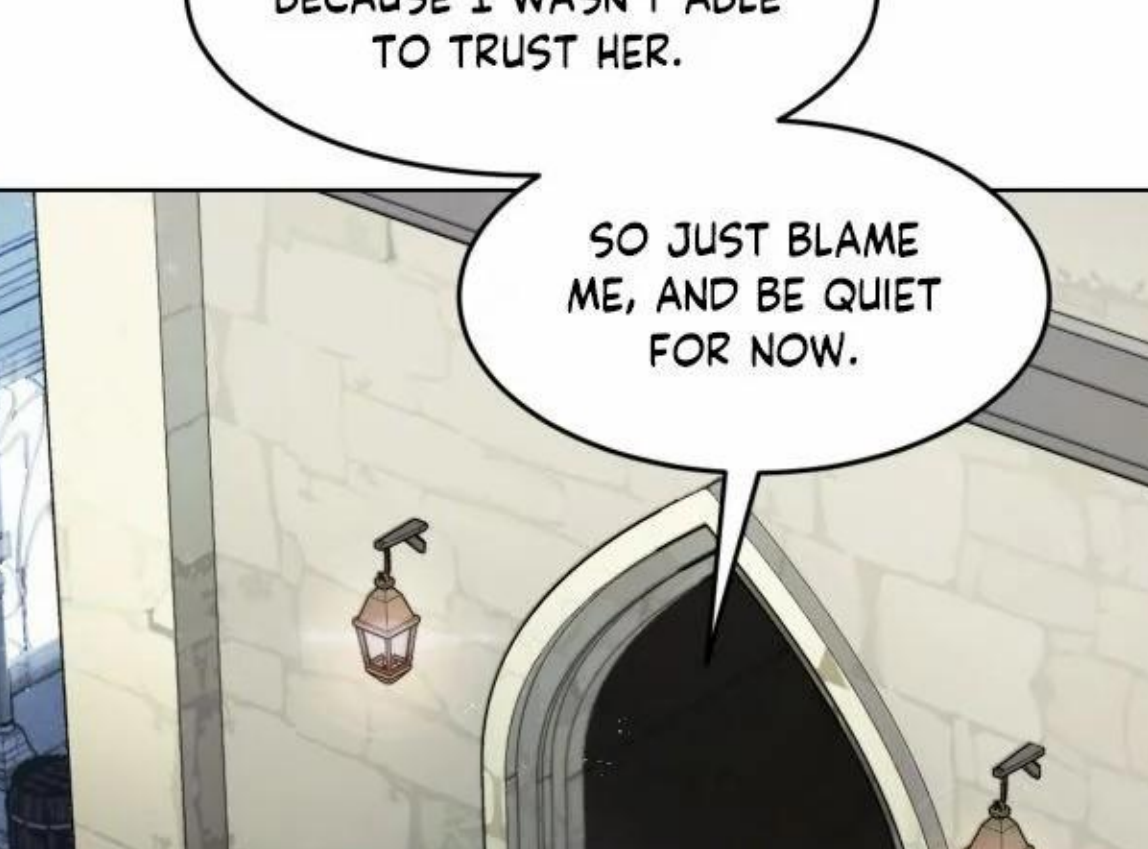


ANYTHING RELATED TO  
YOUR GRACE SHOULD BE  
DEALT WITH BEFORE IT GETS  
OUT OF HAND, SO I...



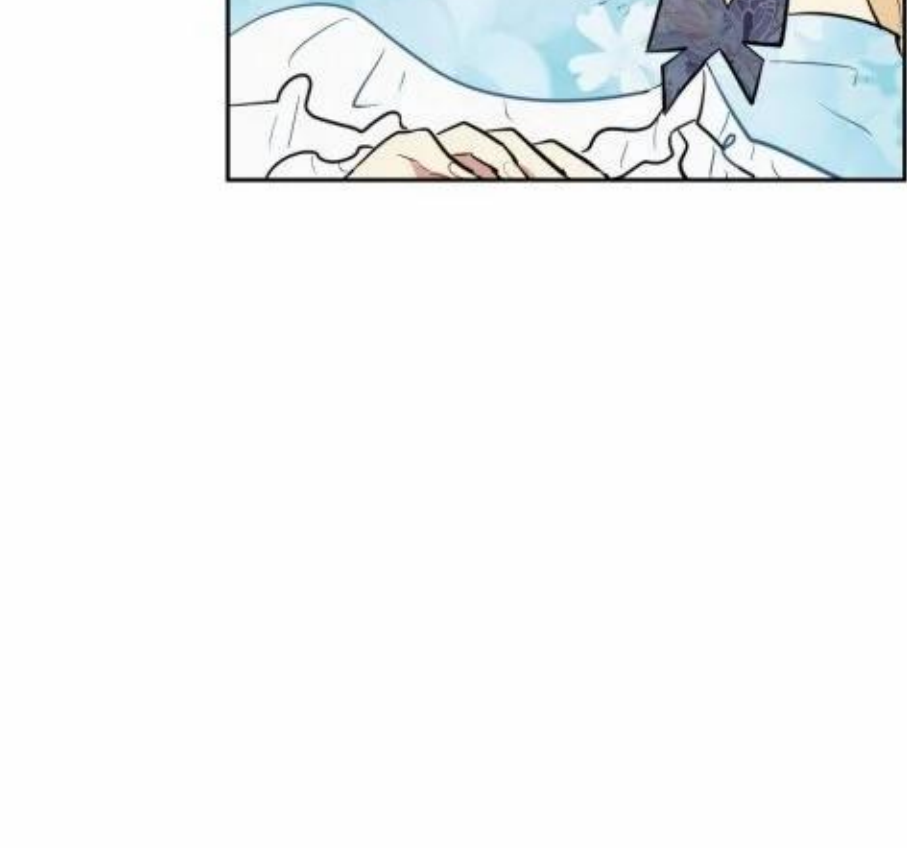
...THOUGHT...  
.....

(BOthered BY IT)

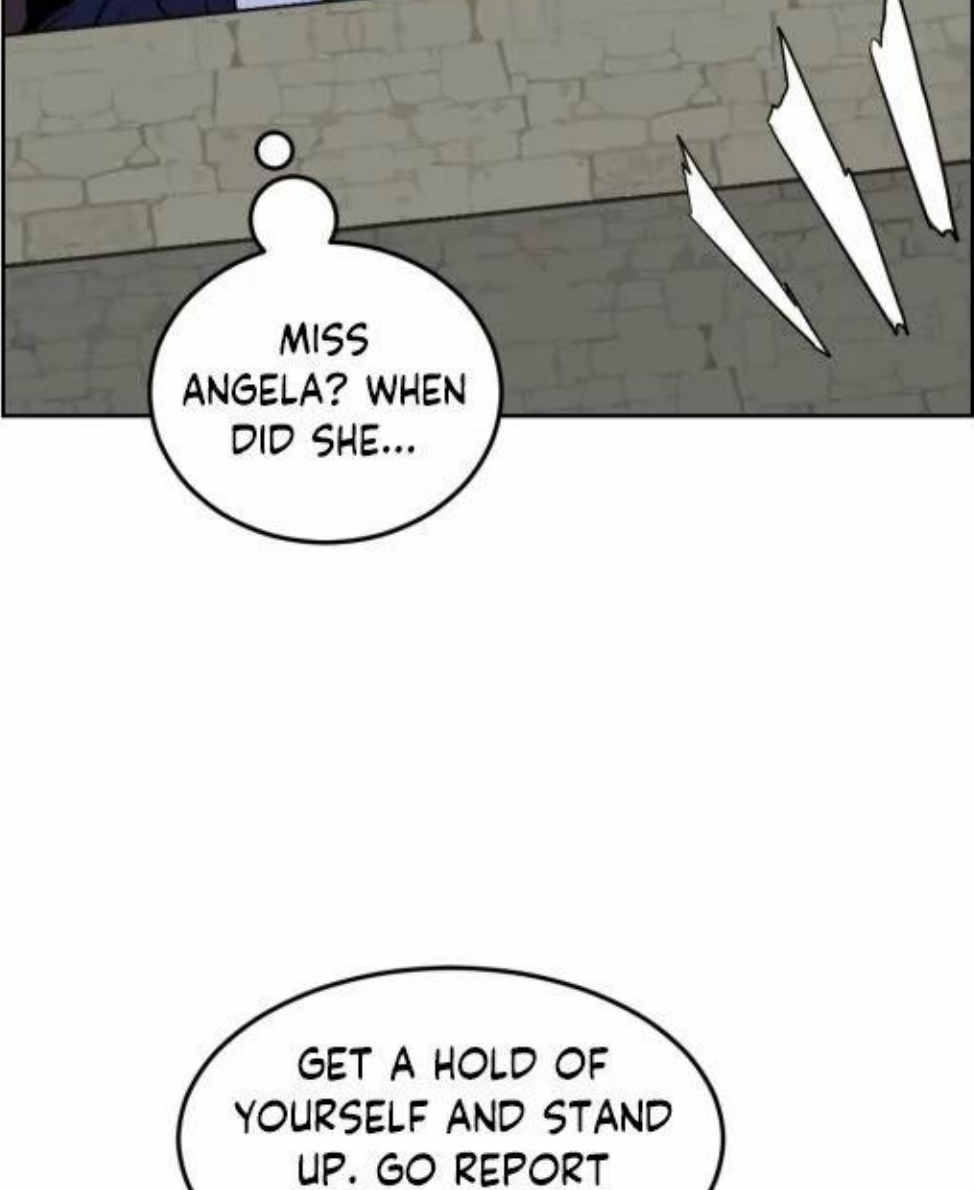


SHE ACTED THAT WAY  
BECAUSE I WASN'T ABLE  
TO TRUST HER.

SO JUST BLAME  
ME, AND BE QUIET  
FOR NOW.

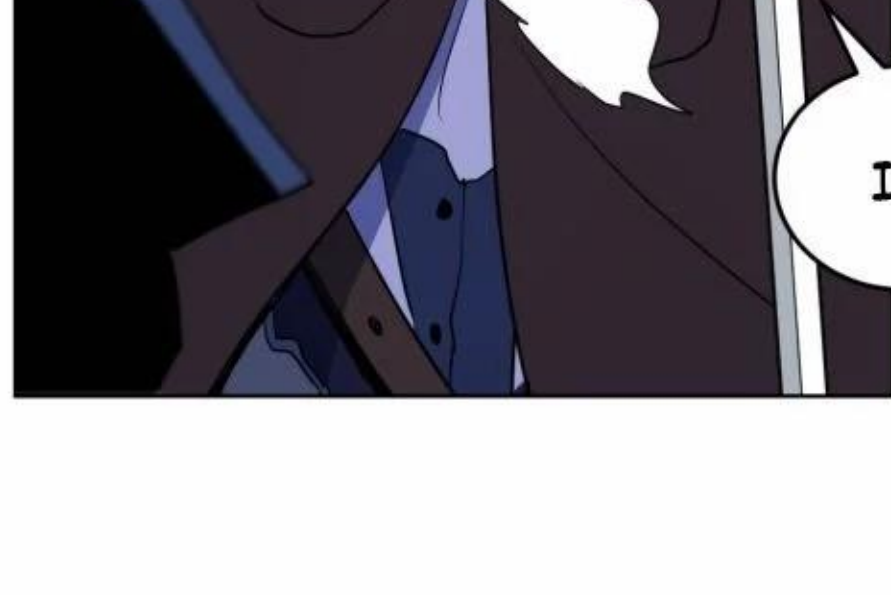


AAAACK,  
OH MY GOD!!!



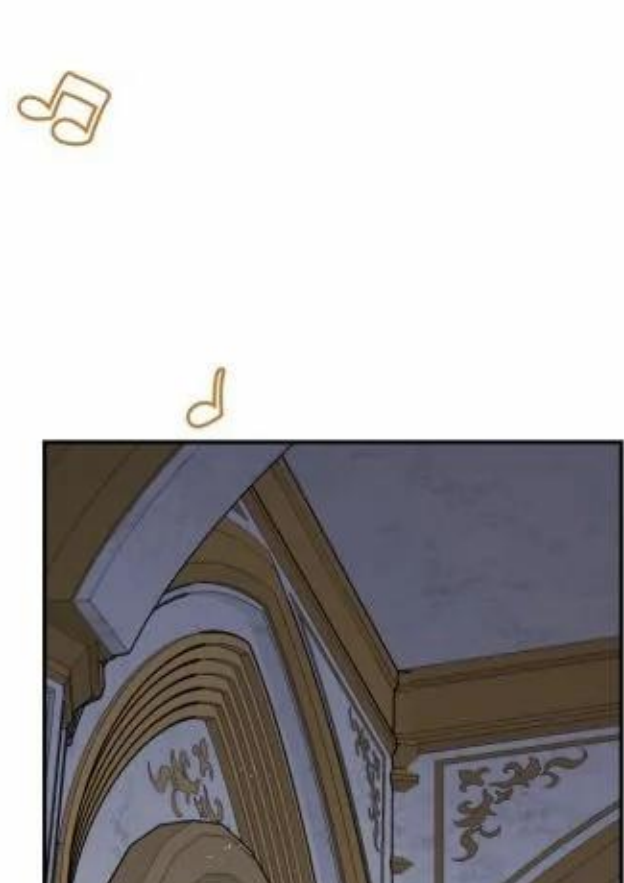
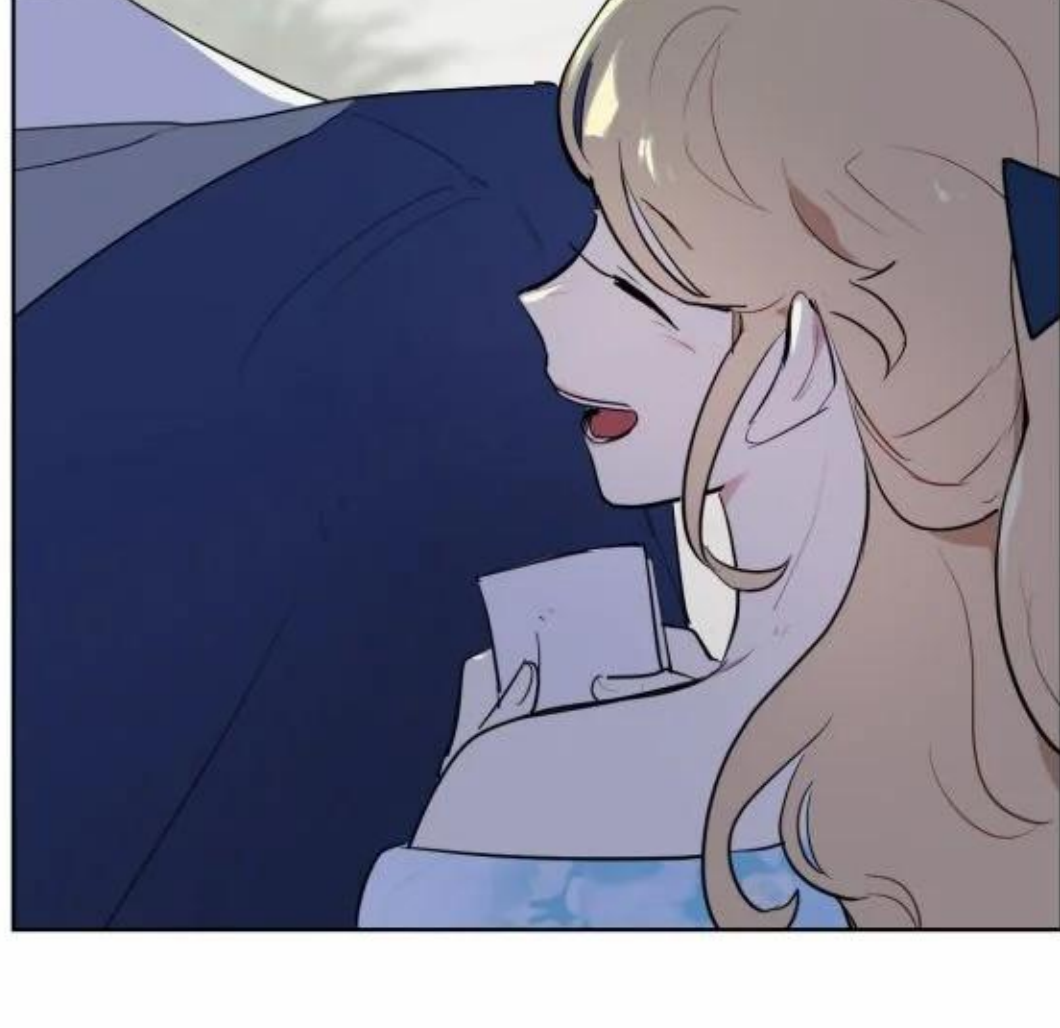
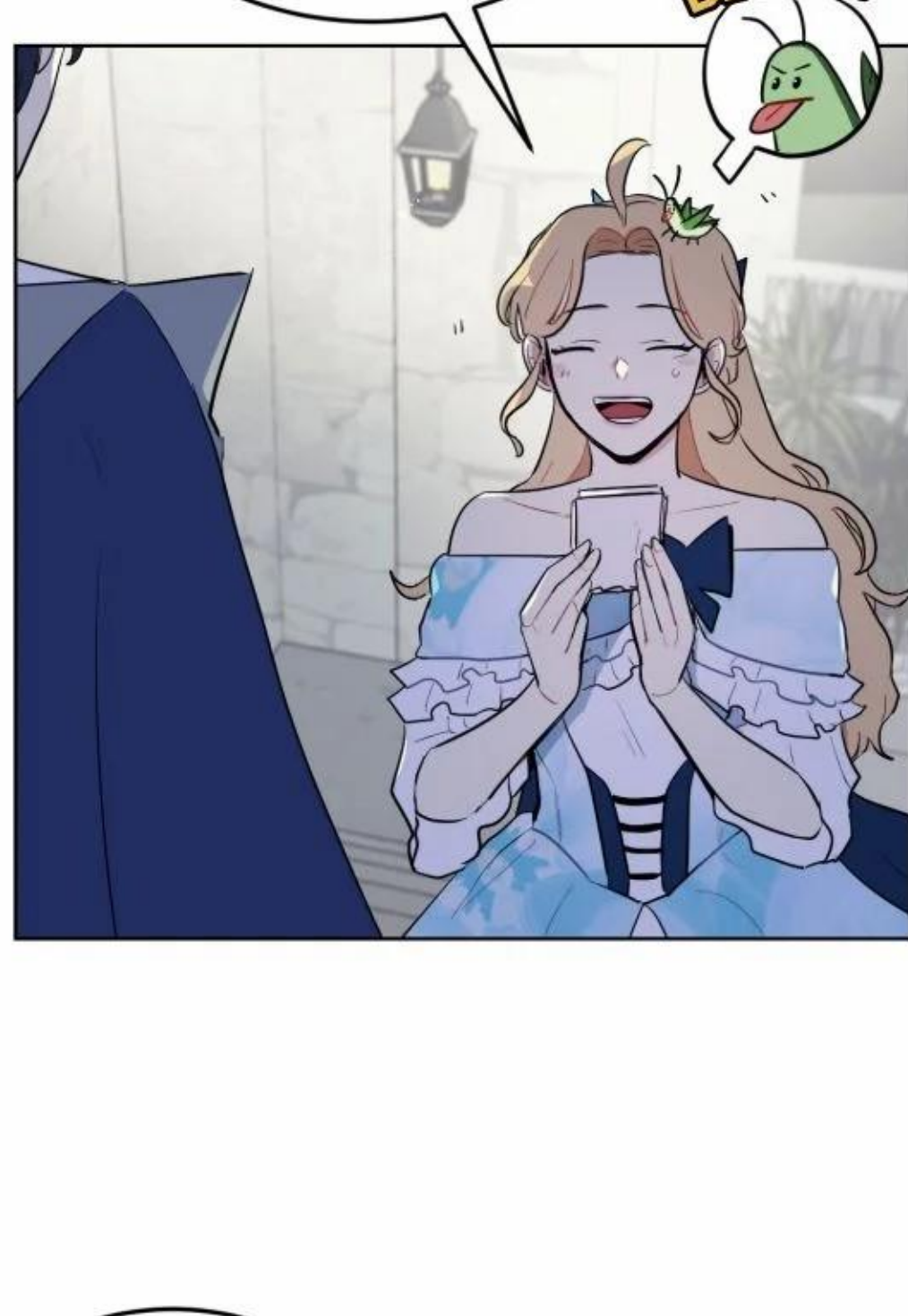
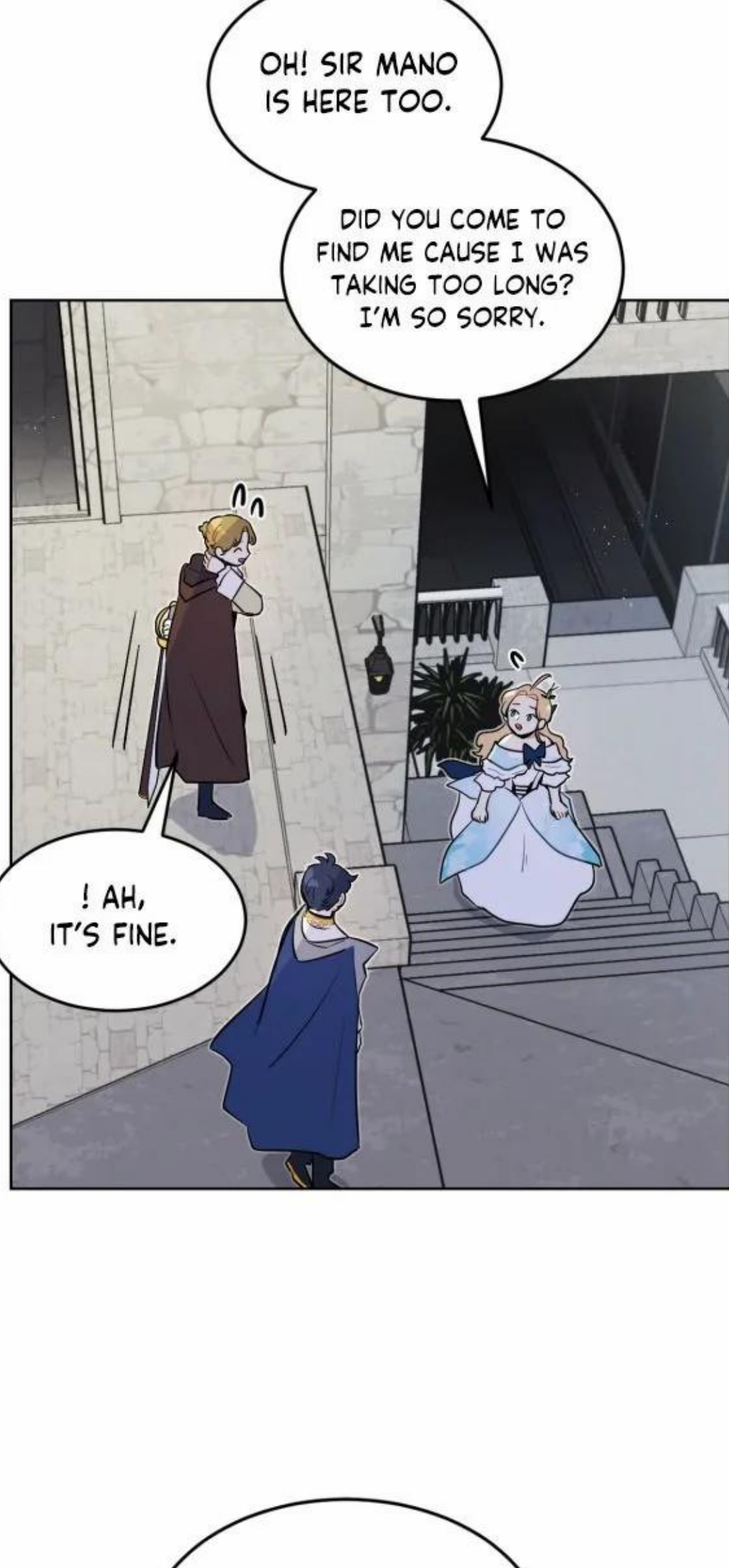
MISS  
ANGELA? WHEN  
DID SHE...

GET A HOLD OF  
YOURSELF AND STAND  
UP. GO REPORT  
TO HOYA.



I...









AH.. I CAN'T ENTER  
LIKE THIS. SHOULD I JUST  
SAY THAT I'LL GO REST  
IN MY ROOM?



...WILL HE EVEN  
LOOK FOR ME? SINCE I  
LEFT WITHOUT SAYING  
ANYTHING...



...AS IF. HE MUST  
FIND IT LUCKY TO NOT  
HAVE ME AROUND AS  
A SHACKLE.



WHETHER IT'S THIS  
PRINCE OR THE OTHER  
ONE, I'M SO SICK OF  
LUDEXT'S PEOPLE.



HIS HIGHNESS  
THE CROWN PRINCE WILL  
WORRY IF YOU'RE ABSENT  
FOR TOO LONG.

WORRY?  
YOU DON'T KNOW  
ANYTHING.



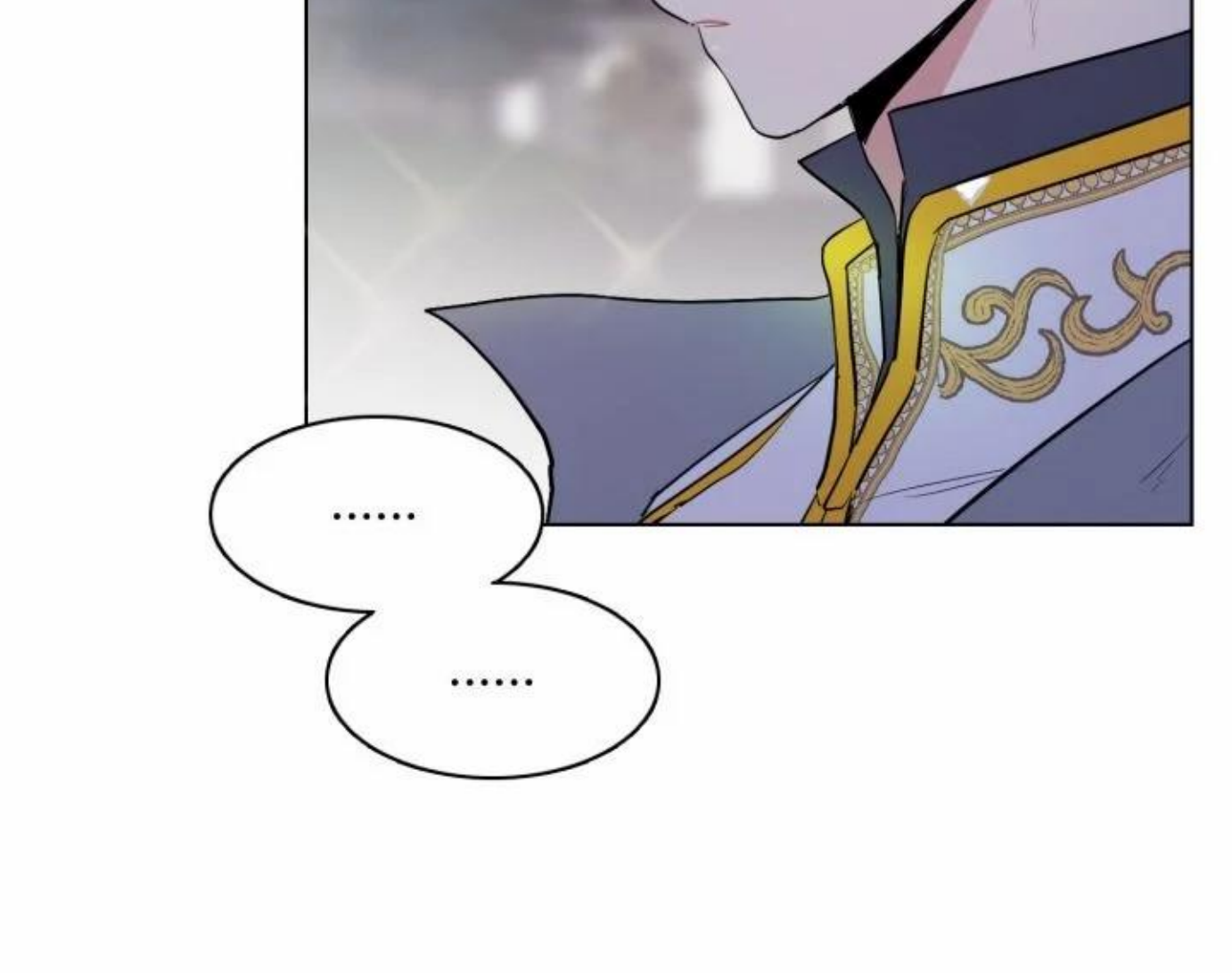
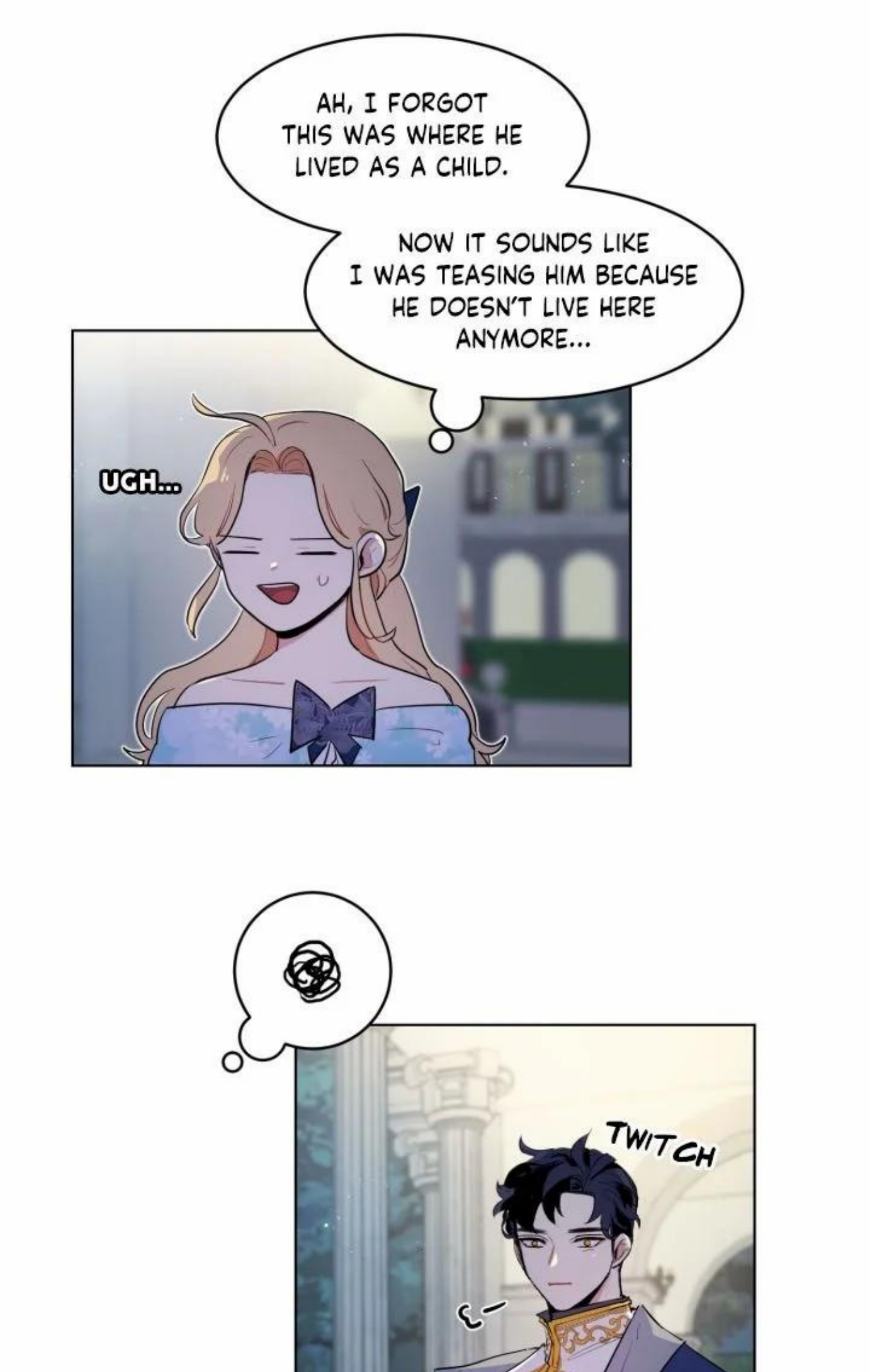
YOU'RE AN  
IDIOT WHO DOESN'T  
EVEN KNOW WHAT YOUR  
TWIN IS UP TO.

...WHY?

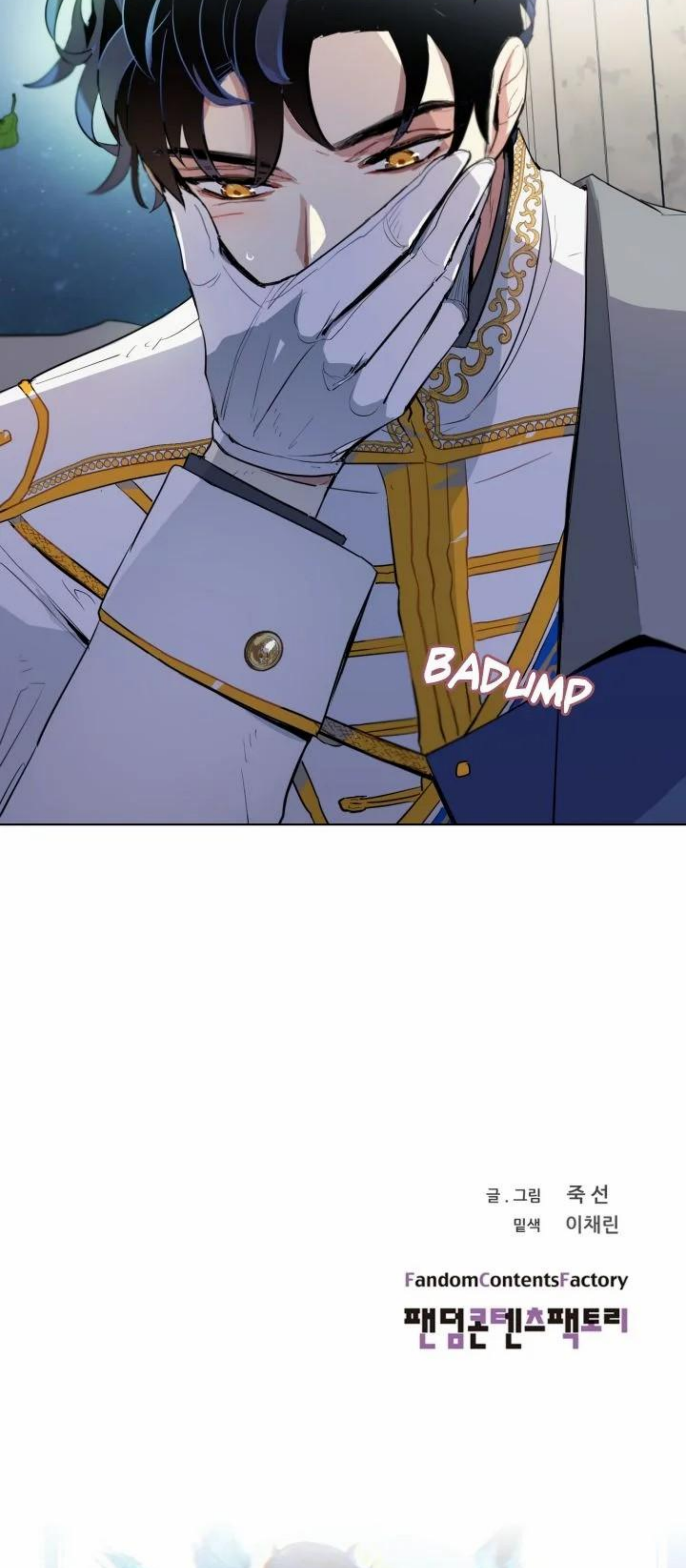
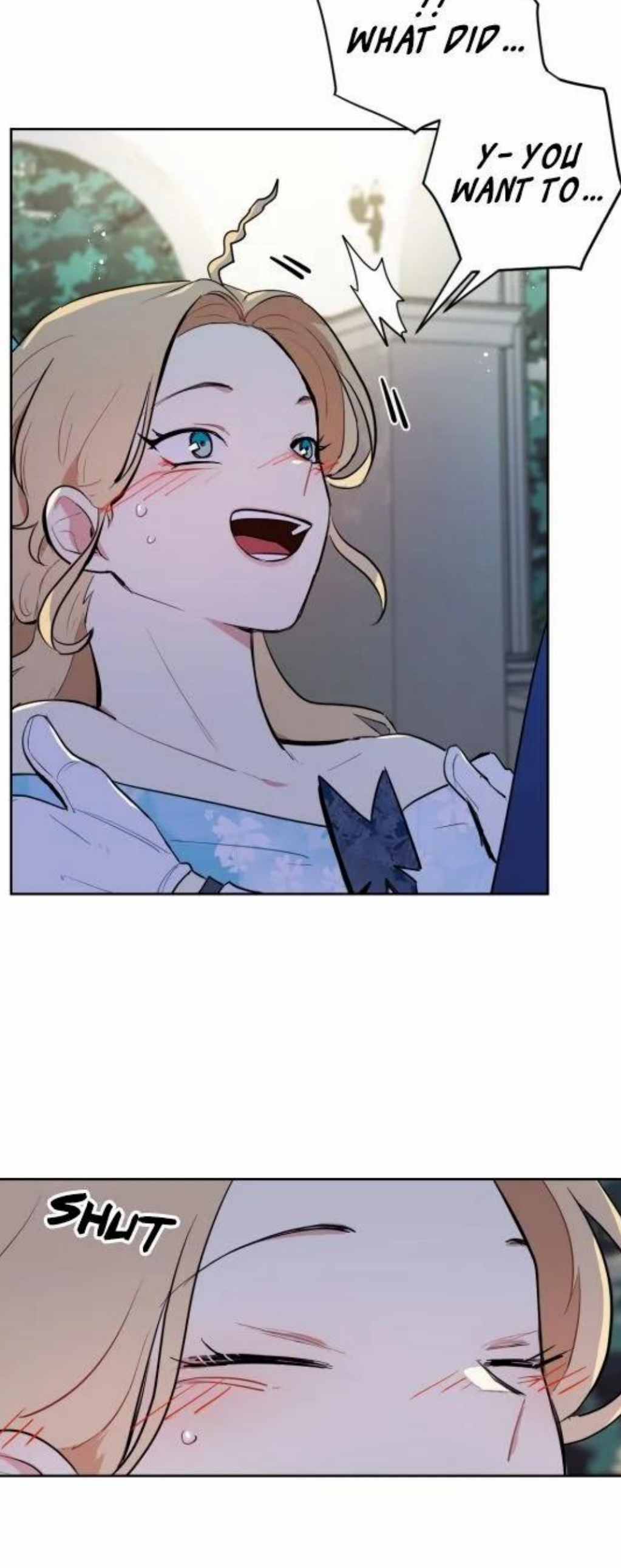


IF IT HAD BEEN  
YOU, RAYBURN, WOULD  
YOU HAVE WORRIED  
ABOUT ME?









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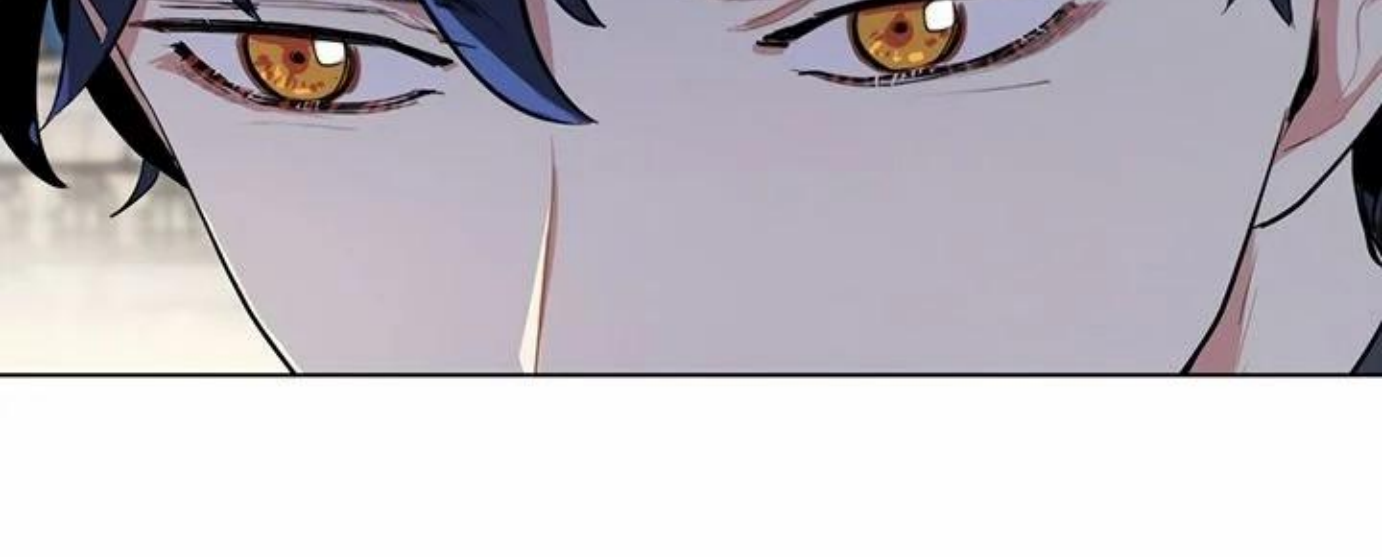
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BADUMP

BADUMP



WHY DO I FEEL SO  
CONFLICTED TODAY?



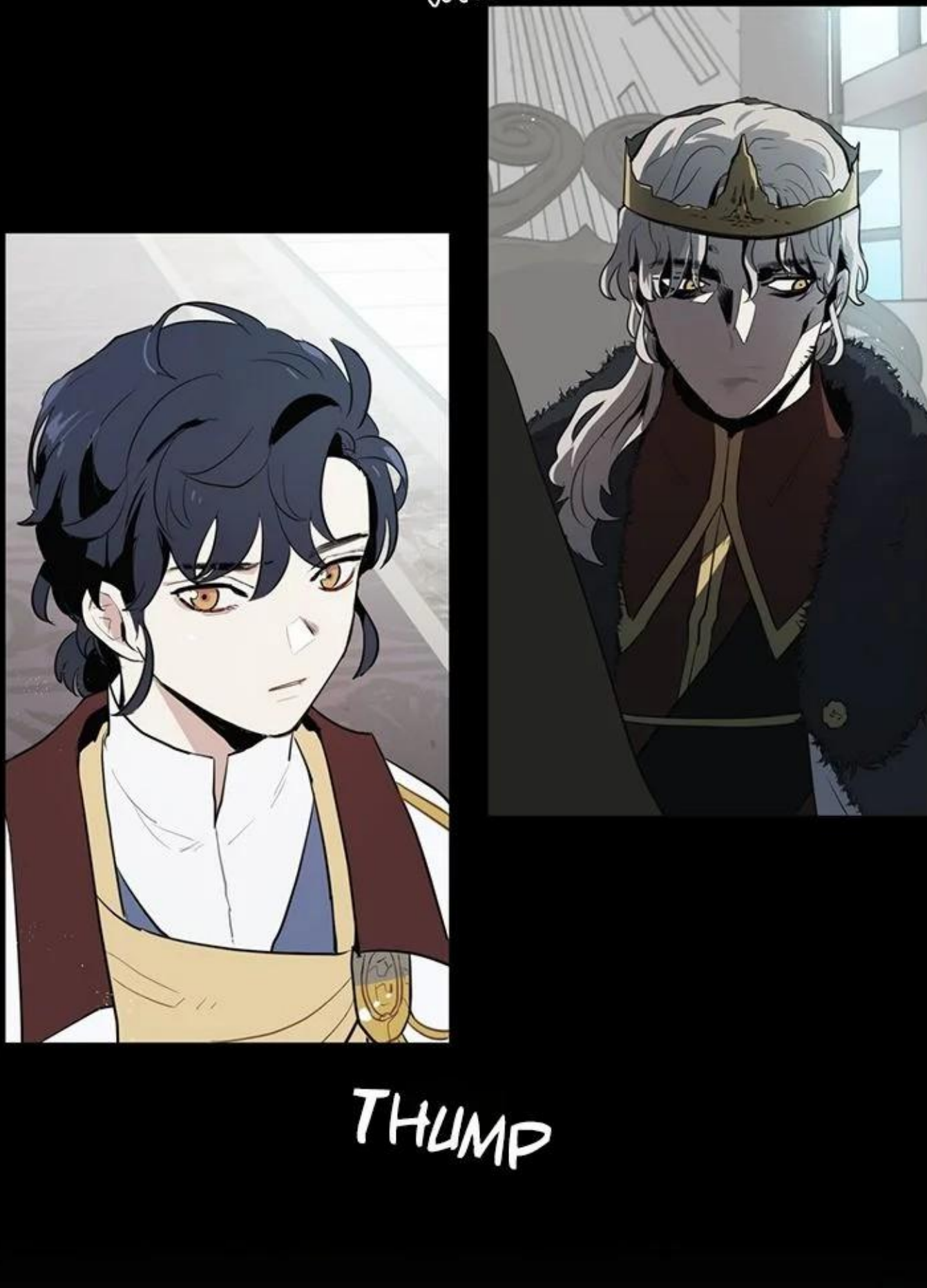
IS IT BECAUSE  
I CAME TO THE  
PALACE...?



...I WILL CONTINUE  
READING.











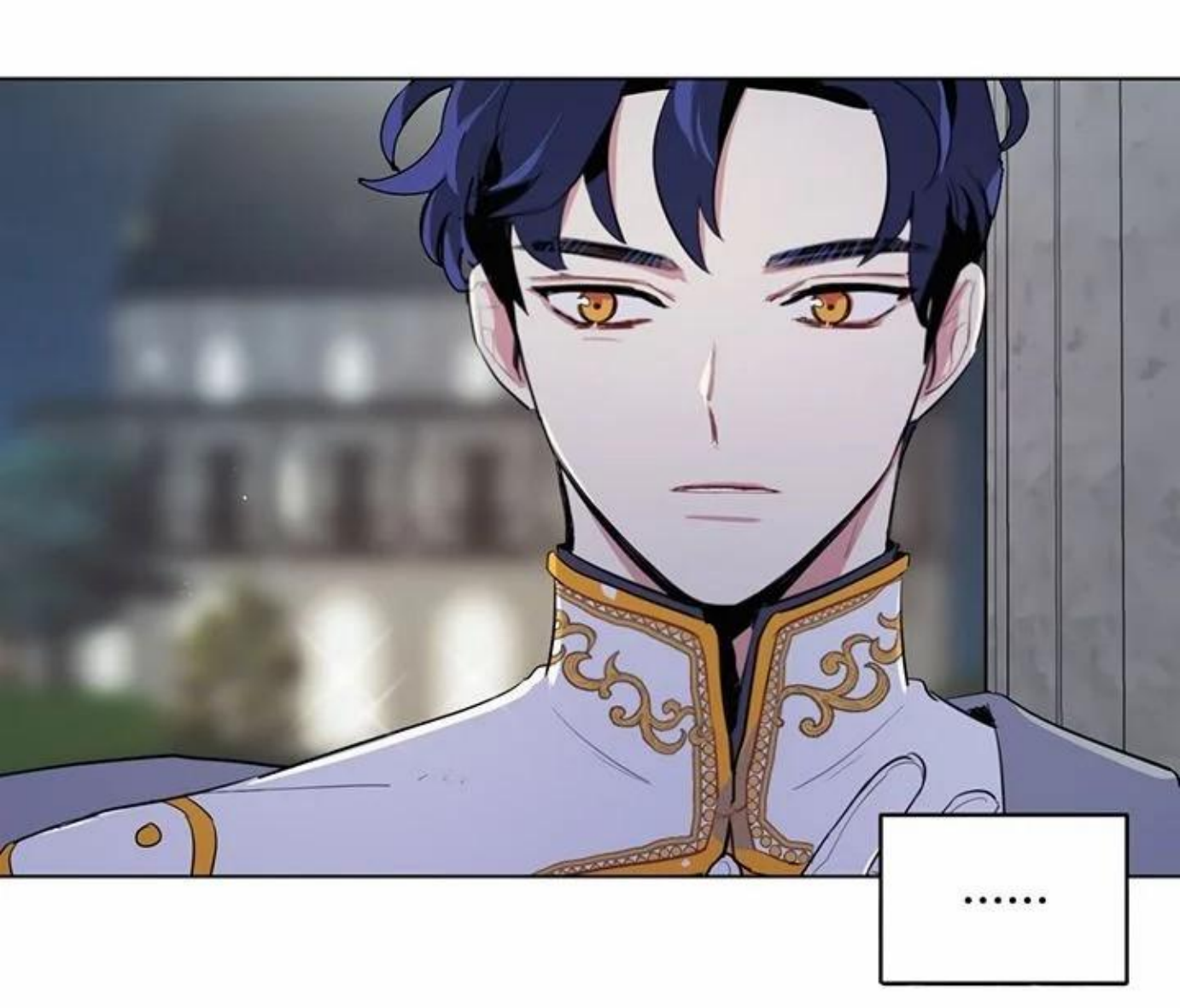
OVER  
THERE IS...



MM...



AH... I'M EMBARRASSED  
TO SAY THIS, BECAUSE IT SOUNDS  
PETTY TO SAY IT OUT LOUD,



.....

BUT WHEN THE  
CROWN PRINCE ASKED  
ME TO DANCE,

I THOUGHT YOU  
WEREN'T INTERESTED IN ME  
AT ALL OR SOMETHING.



.....



BLINK



WHAT'S WITH THIS  
SILENCE AGAIN...

AM I WEARING  
SOMETHING THE WRONG  
WAY AGAIN? HAHA...



FIX

FIX

S- SO... WHAT I'M  
SAYING IS, IF I DANCE WITH  
THE CROWN PRINCE, I END  
UP BEING THE CENTER  
OF ATTENTION.

WEREN'T YOU WORRIED  
THAT I'D END UP MAKING  
SOME KIND OF MISTAKE?



...I COULDN'T  
BEAR TO WATCH.

YOUR STRANGE  
DANCING, I MEAN. I DIDN'T  
TEACH YOU TO DANCE  
LIKE THAT...

MUMBLE

END OF SILENCE =  
EMBARRASSMENT. IT'S  
LIKE AN EQUATION.

HESITANT

...WELL, THERE'S  
ACTUALLY SOMETHING  
ELSE THAT I REALLY  
WANTED TO ASK.

EARLIER, ON THE  
TERRACE, WITH THE FUTURE  
CROWN PRINCESS...

COULD YOU TELL ME  
A BIT ABOUT WHAT WAS  
GOING ON? LIKE WHAT KIND  
OF SITUATION IT WAS...

.....  
WOULDN'T THAT BE  
NO DIFFERENT FROM  
GOSSIPING?

WHAT AM I  
SUPPOSED TO SAY?

THERE'S NO  
REASON TO LISTEN.

THEY ARE TWINS  
THAT BRING ABOUT  
BLOODSHED.

WHISPER

THE BISHOP'S  
WORDS MUST'VE  
BEEN RIGHT.

WHISPER

HOW UNREASONABLE!  
GENERAL! PLEASE SAY  
SOMETHING!

HUH... YOUR  
HIGHNESS.



I'M NOT SURE WHAT YOU WANT TO HEAR. THE SECOND EMPRESS... MY YOUNGER SISTER WAS ASSASSINATED.



I'M THE ONE FUMING WHILE LISTENING TO PRINCE RAYBURN'S EXCUSES.

HAVEN'T YOU HEARD THE TERRIBLE RUMORS THAT ARE CIRCULATING OUTSIDE RIGHT NOW?



Y- YOUR MAJESTY, SHALL I KEEP READING?



GO ON.

PRESS

HE'S NOT ANSWERING, LIKE USUAL.



IT'S FINE.



ANYWAY, YOU LOOK SO HANDSOME TODAY, MY PRINCE.

YOU LOOKED SO COOL WITH YOUR HAIR UP, BUT YOU'RE ALSO VERY CUTE WITH IT BACK DOWN.

SHY



NO RESPONSE



MY PRINCE, YOU PURPOSELY DIDN'T TELL ME I WAS WEARING MY DRESS WRONG UNTIL IT WAS TOO LATE, RIGHT?

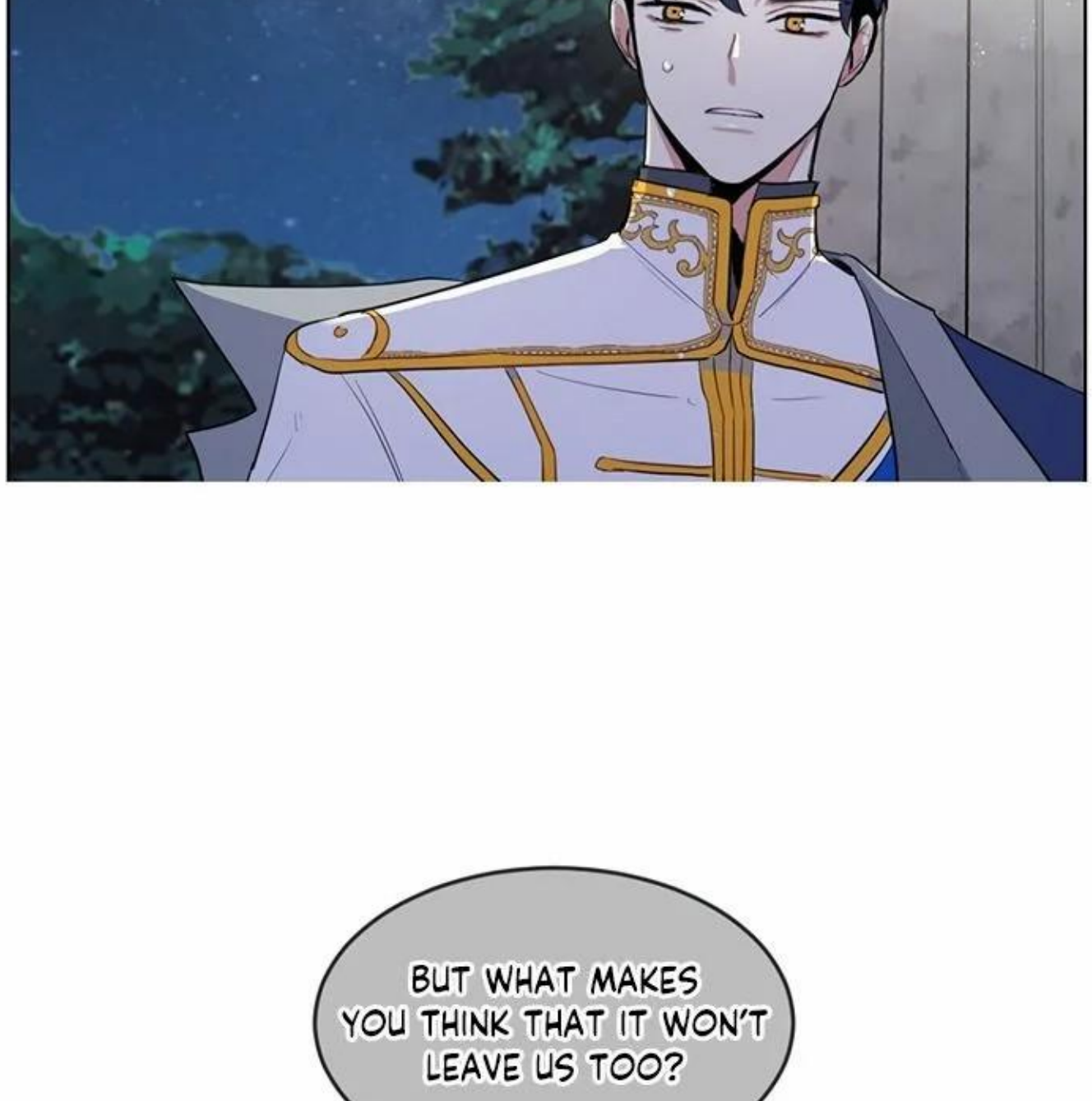
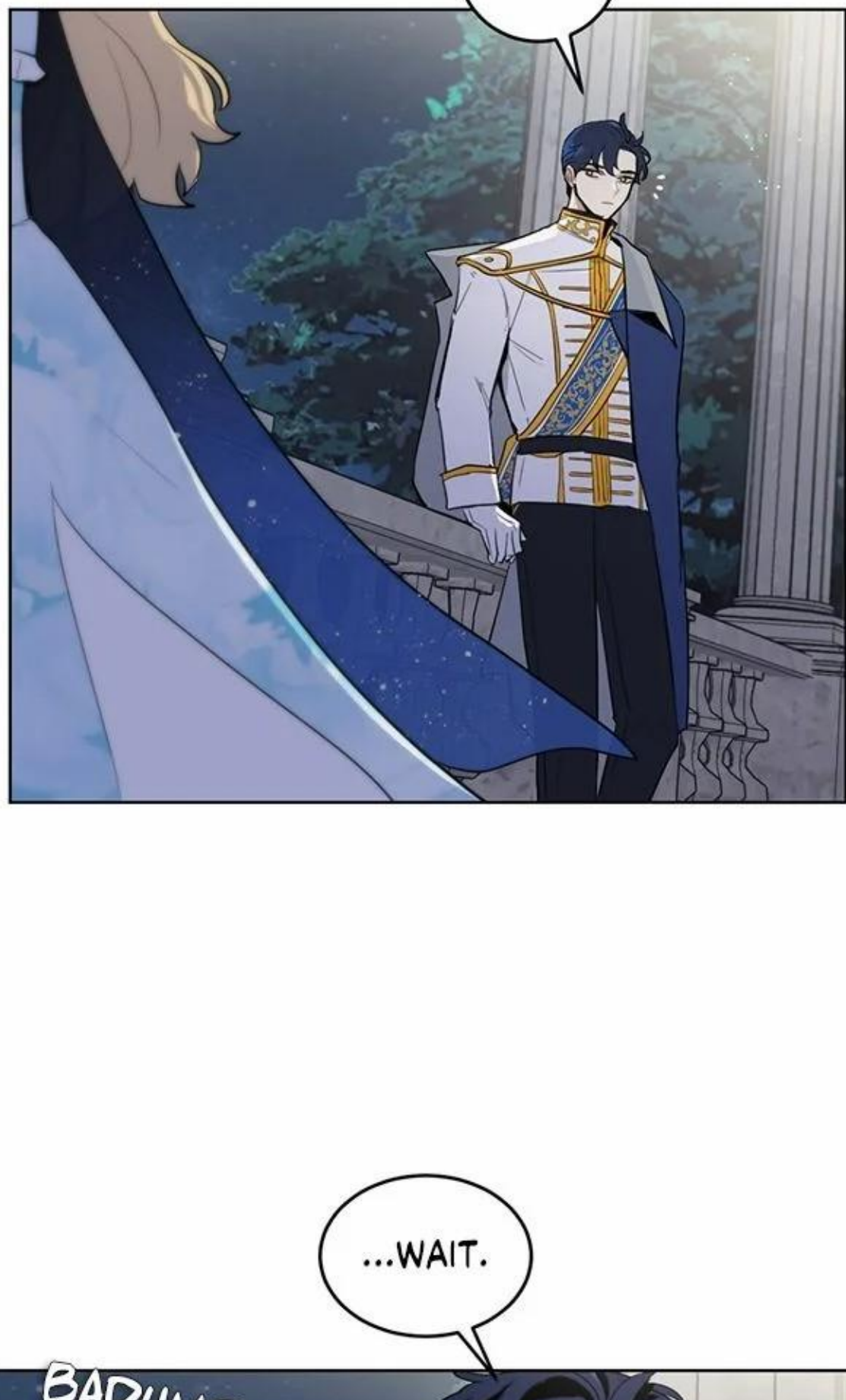
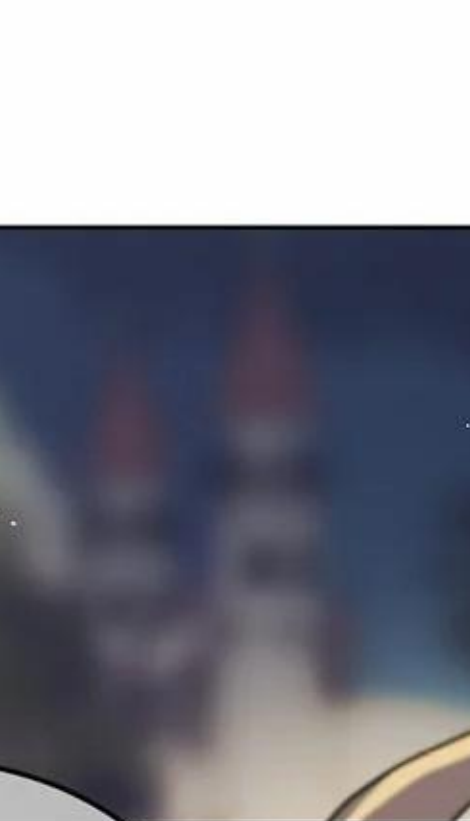
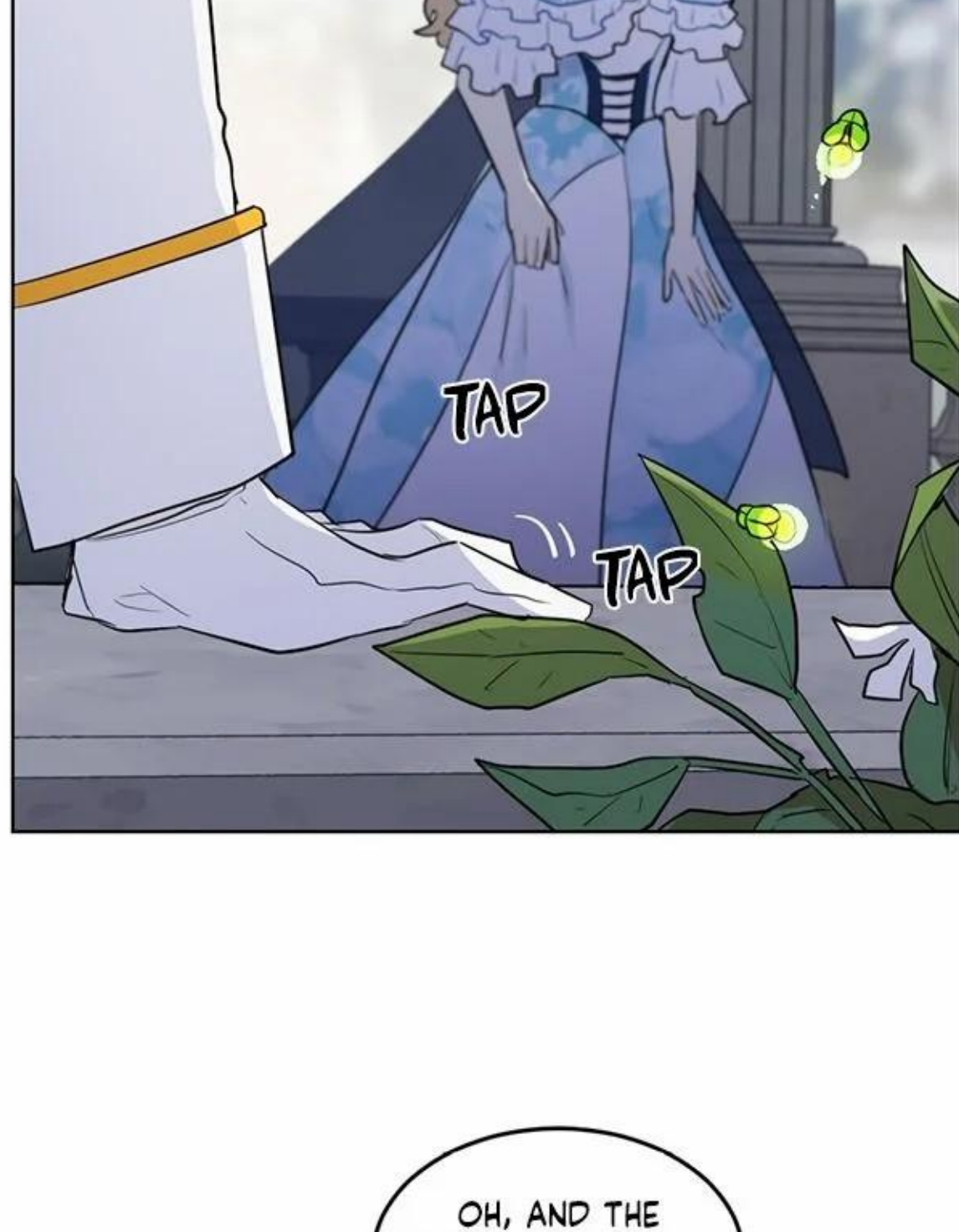
IF YOU WEREN'T GOING TO LET ME TALK TO THE NOBLES, THEN WHY DID YOU EVEN MAKE ME STUDY?

THERE ARE WAY TOO MANY MICE IN THE MANSION.

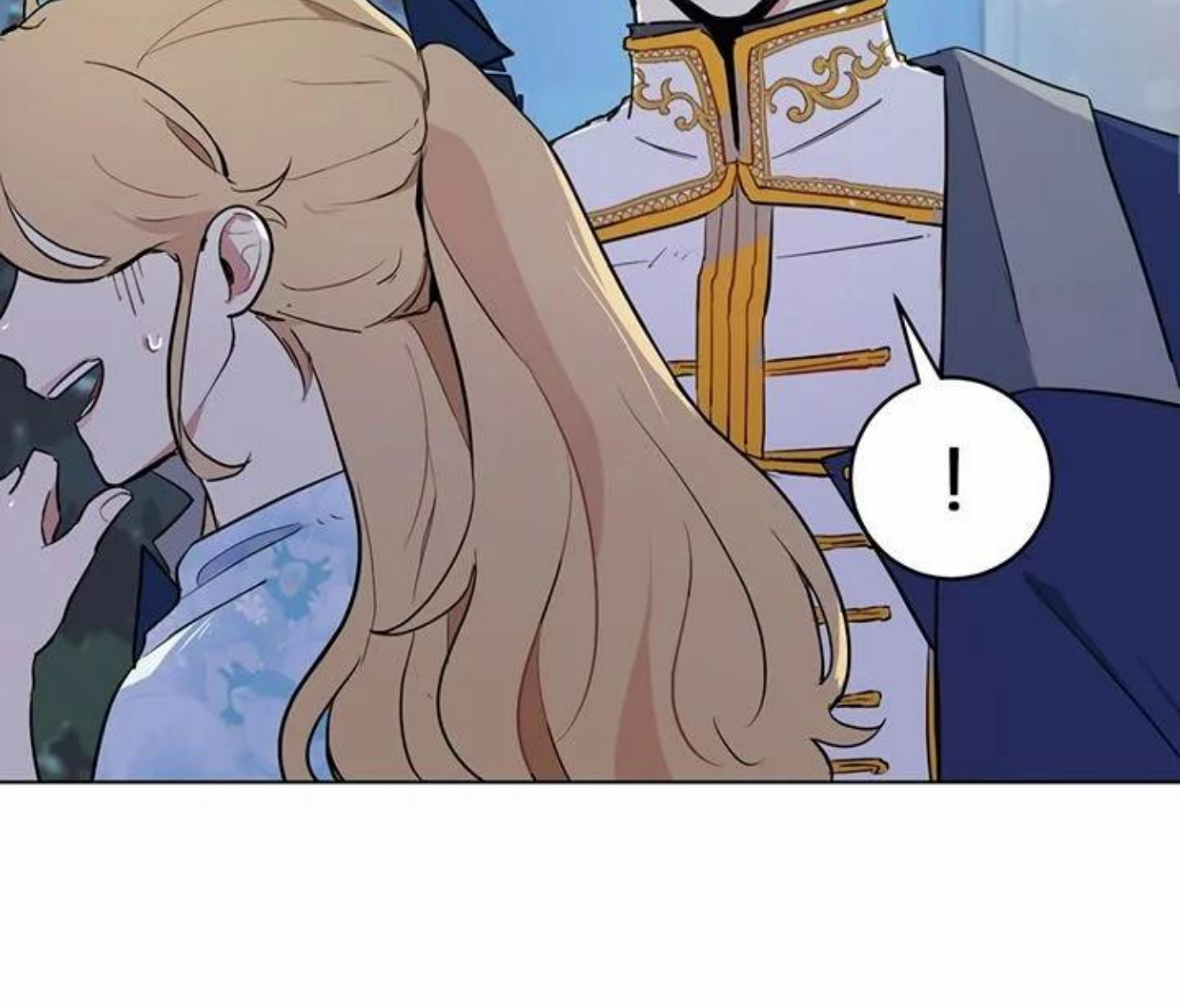
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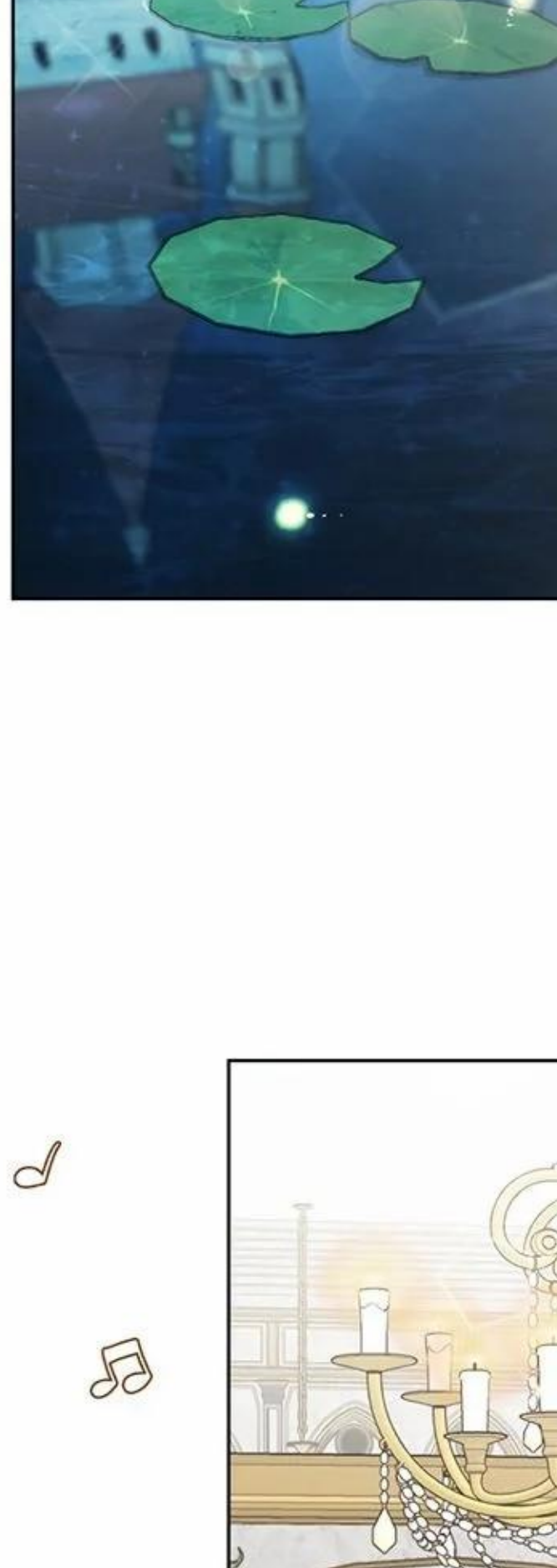
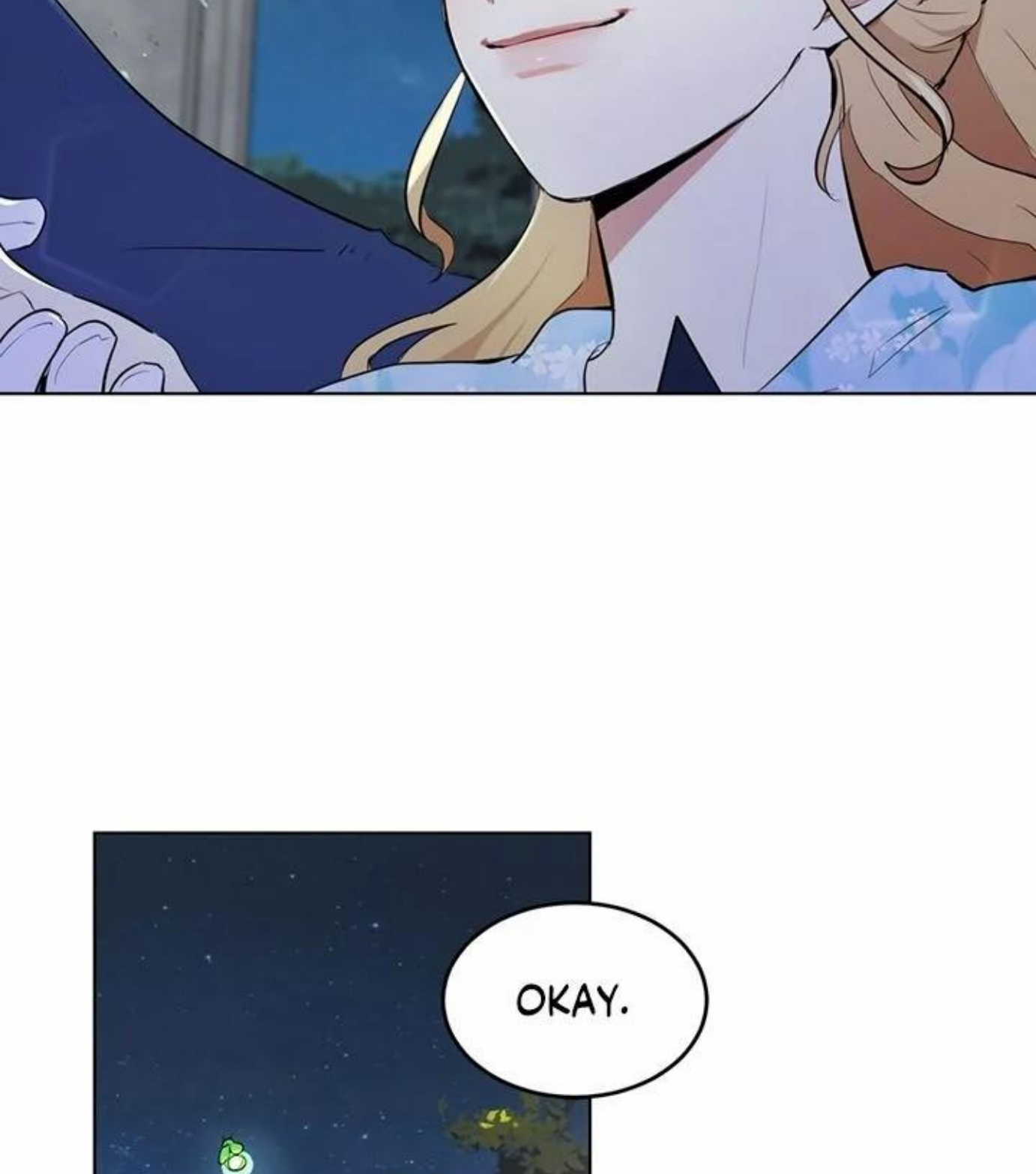
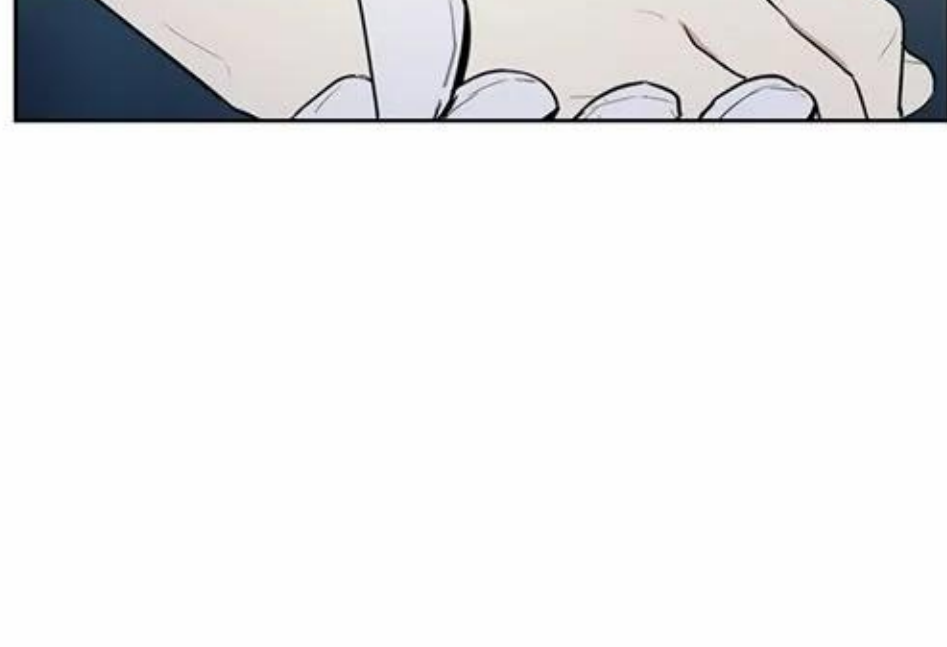
















BUT WHEN THE TIME  
ACTUALLY CAME,

I STARTED TO  
DOUBT MYSELF.



THAT'S WHY I  
PUSHED THE DECISION  
ONTO YOU.



IF YOU TWO CHOSE  
TO TRUST HER, THEN I  
TAKE IT SHE MUST BE  
WORTHY OF IT?

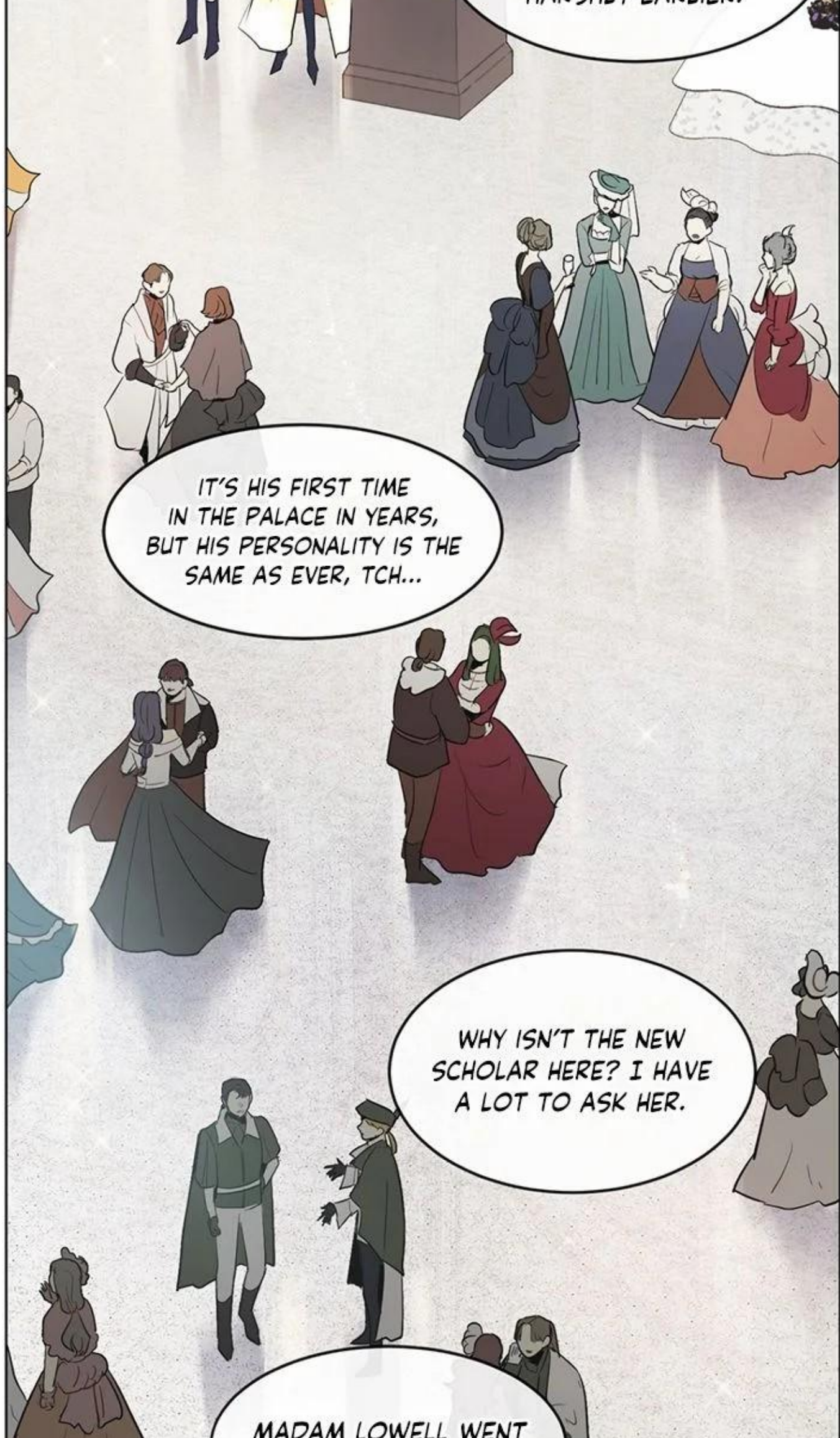
YOU ALWAYS  
WORK SO HARD.



WHISPER

WHISPER

HAVE YOU  
HEARD?



APPARENTLY, DUKE  
RAYBURN REJECTED  
SOME LADIES QUITE  
HARSHLY EARLIER.

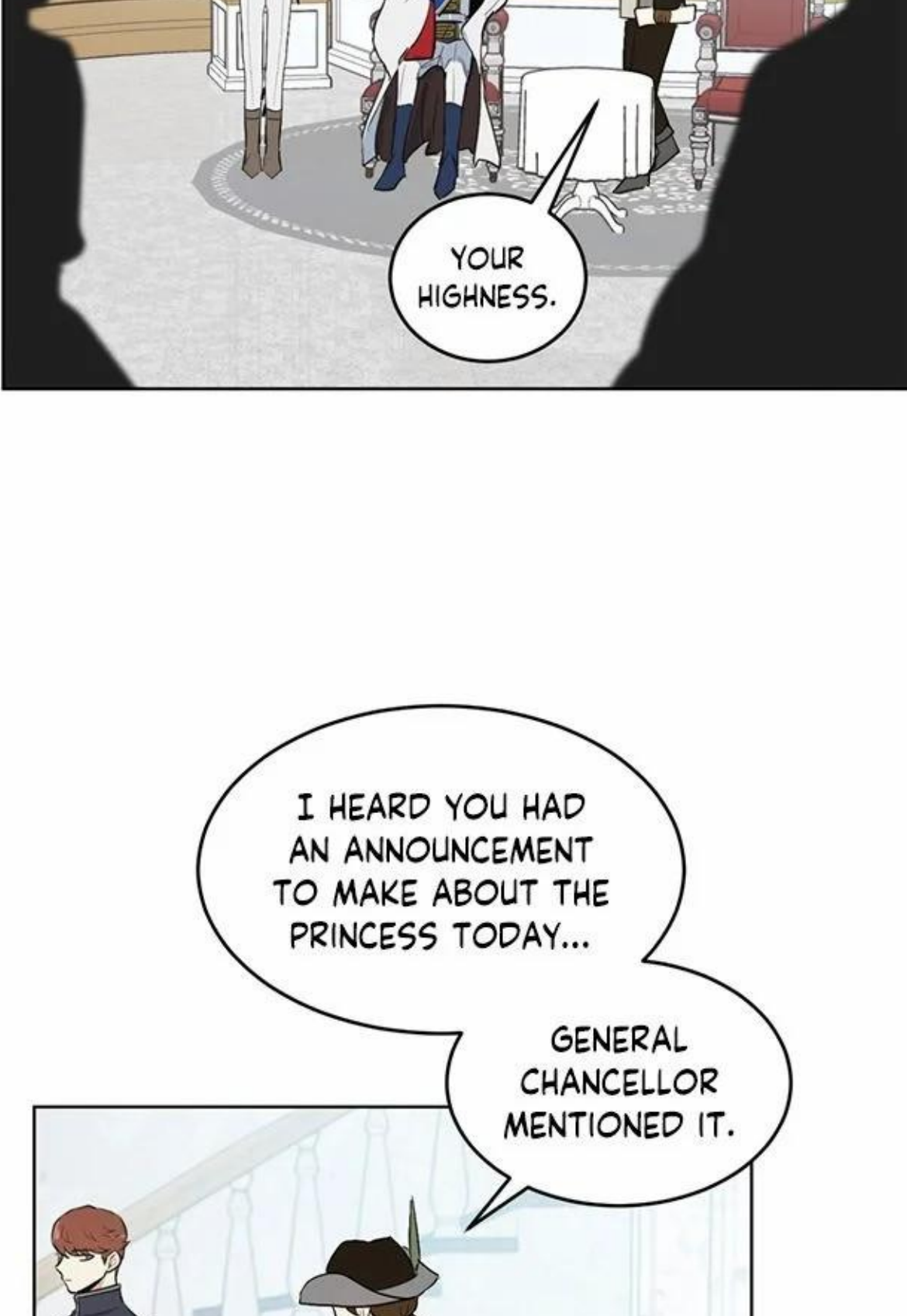
IT'S HIS FIRST TIME  
IN THE PALACE IN YEARS,  
BUT HIS PERSONALITY IS THE  
SAME AS EVER, TCH...

WHY ISN'T THE NEW  
SCHOLAR HERE? I HAVE  
A LOT TO ASK HER.

MADAM LOWELL WENT  
TO LOOK FOR HER.

ANYWAY, THE  
CROWN PRINCE SURE  
IS RELIABLE.

HE COULD'VE LEFT  
FIRST, BUT HE'S STAYING  
TILL THE END.



YOUR  
HIGHNESS.

I HEARD YOU HAD  
AN ANNOUNCEMENT  
TO MAKE ABOUT THE  
PRINCESS TODAY...

GENERAL  
CHANCELLOR  
MENTIONED IT.



THE PRINCESS IS  
RUNNING LATE. SHALL WE  
ESCORT HER HERE?

NO.



I HAVE NOTHING  
TO ANNOUNCE,  
SO GO REST.



WHISPER

DUKE RAYBURN  
BLAH BLAH~

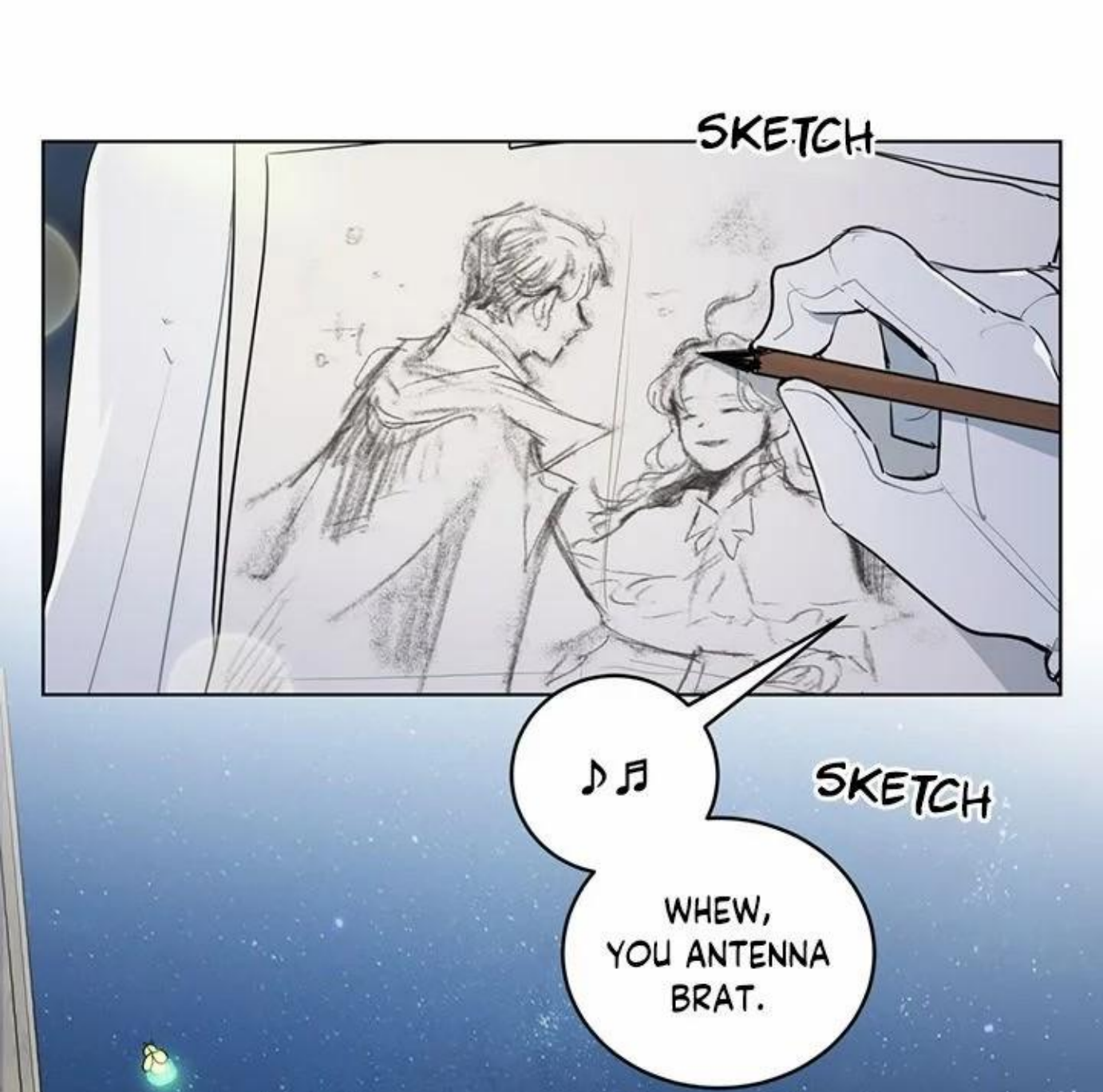
THE ESPELINDO  
FAMILY~

WHISPER

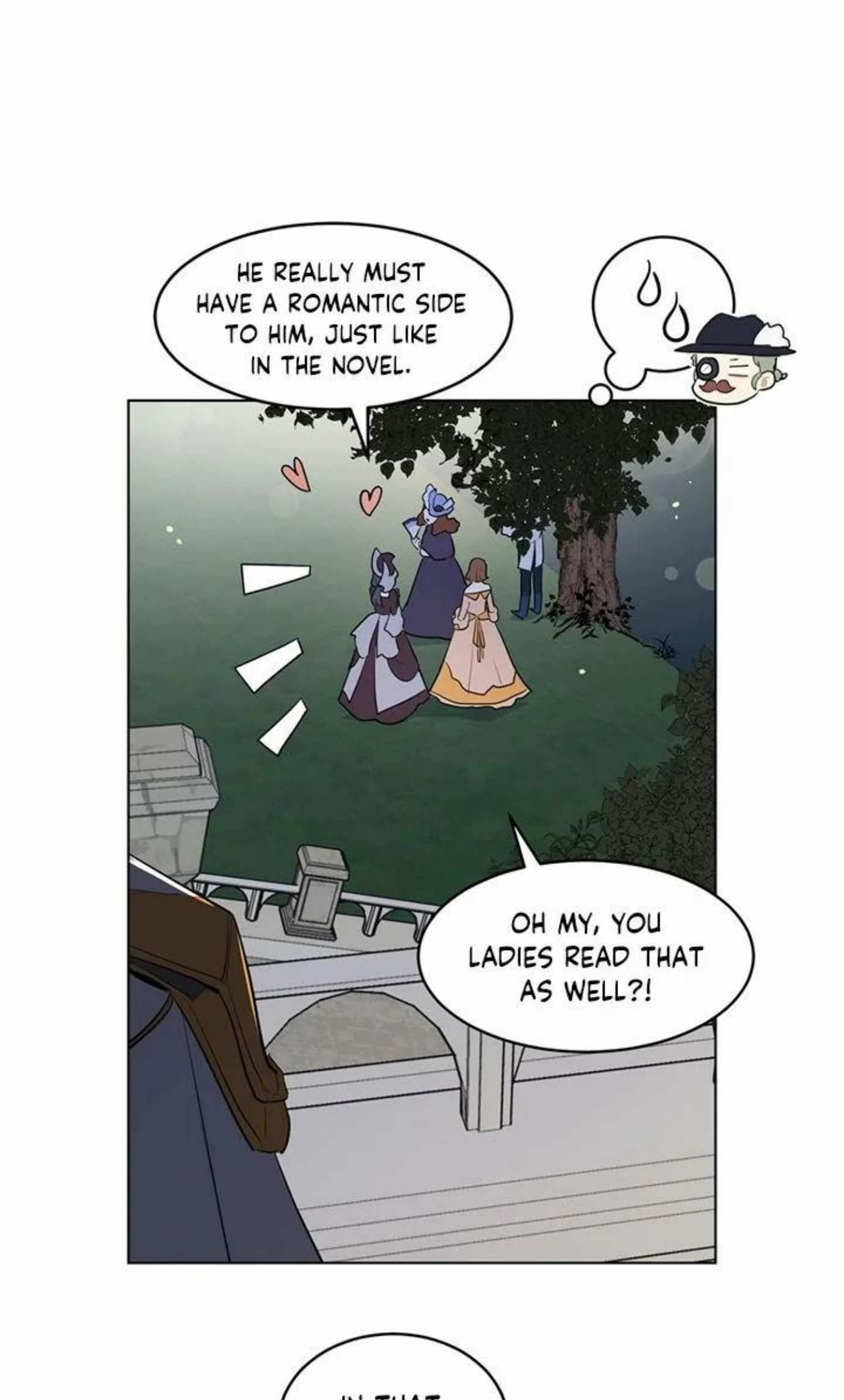
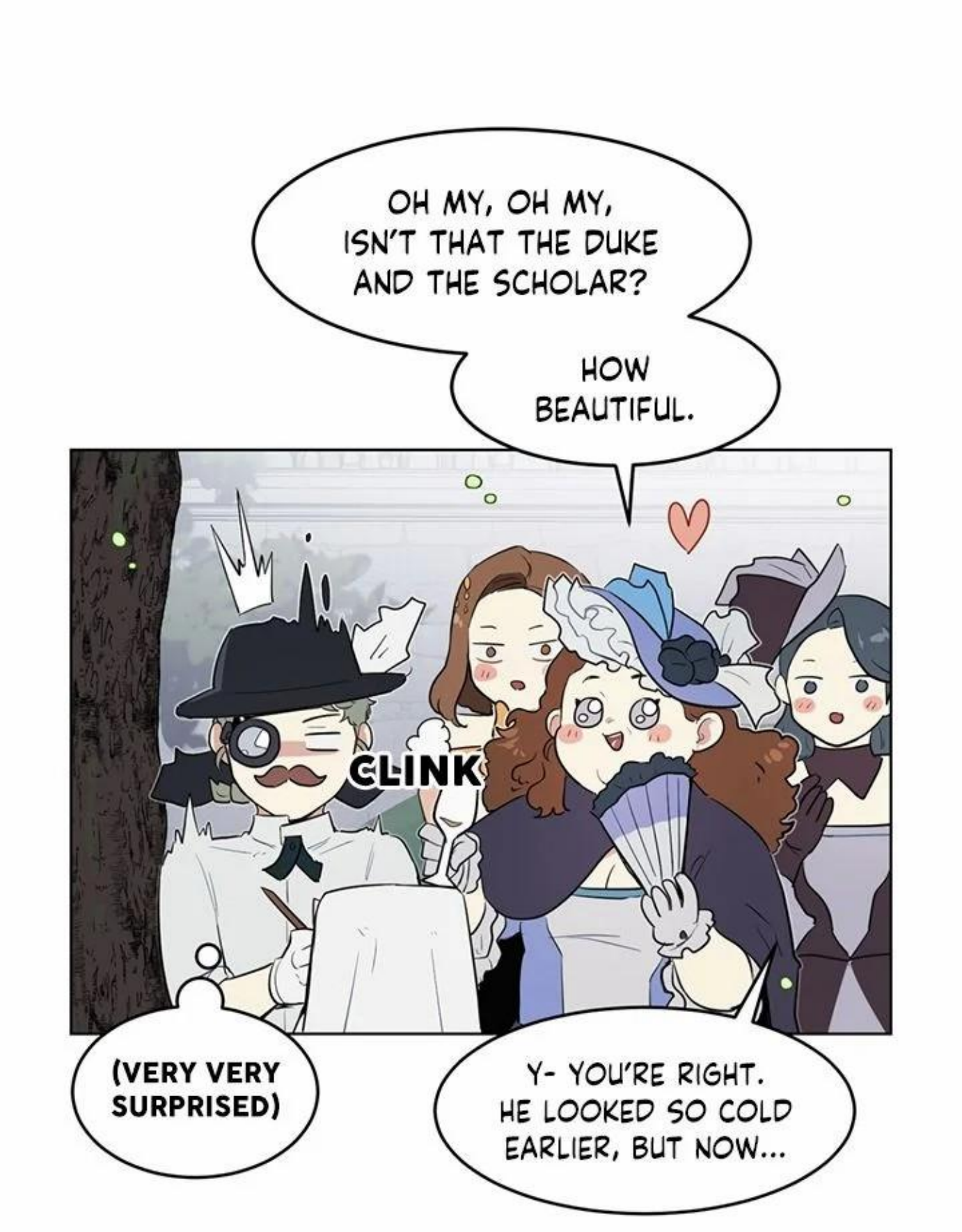


HAH, THESE  
BRATS.









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HOW LONG  
DO YOU INTEND TO  
KEEP WHINING?

YOUR MOTHER  
WOULD BE UPSET TO  
SEE YOU LIKE THIS.



THIS...

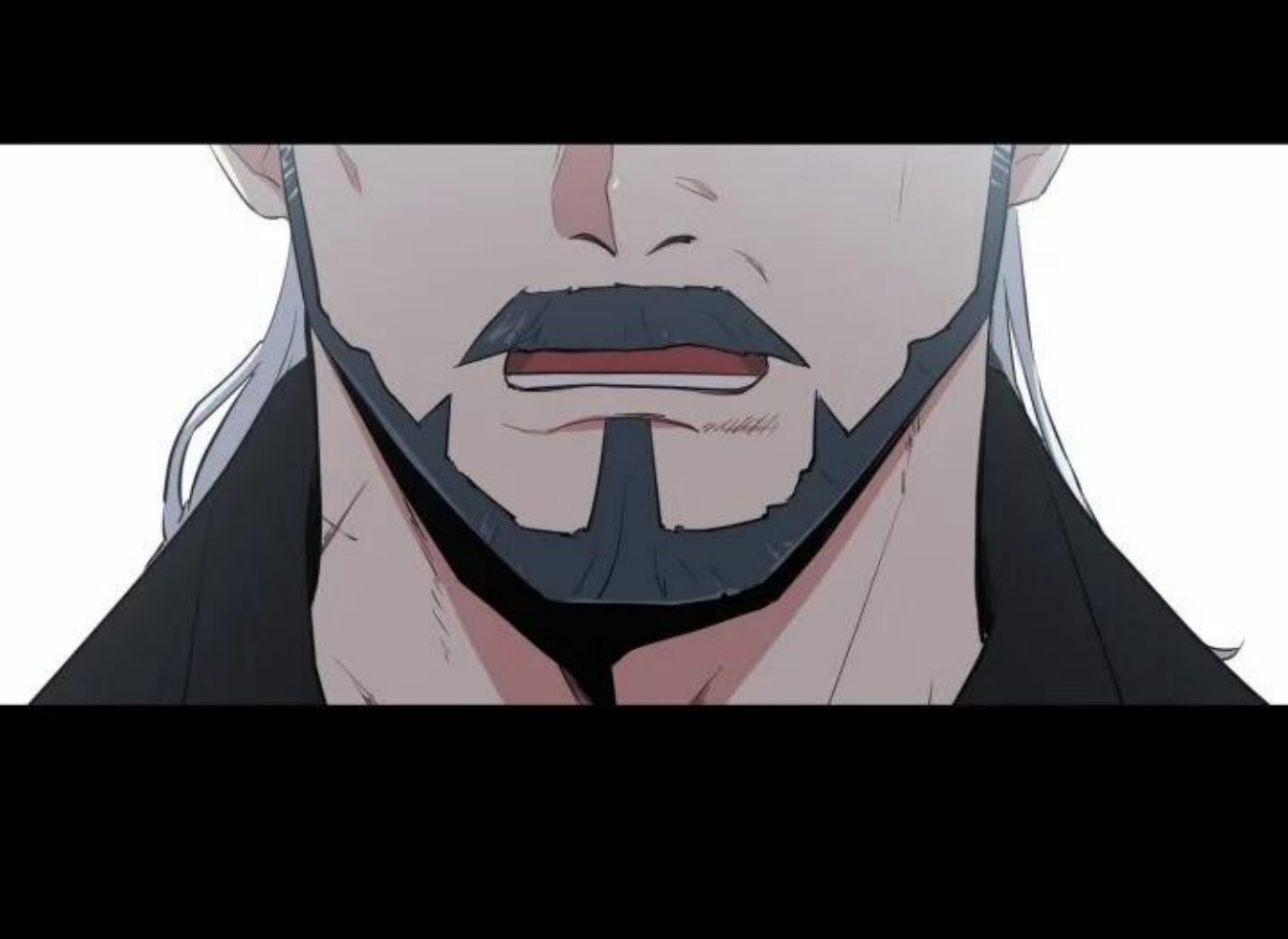
WEAR IT. HIS  
MAJESTY IS HOLDING A  
CONFERENCE THIS EVENING  
REGARDING CROWN  
PRINCE RAYBURN.



BROTHER...  
HIS HIGHNESS?  
WHY WOULD...



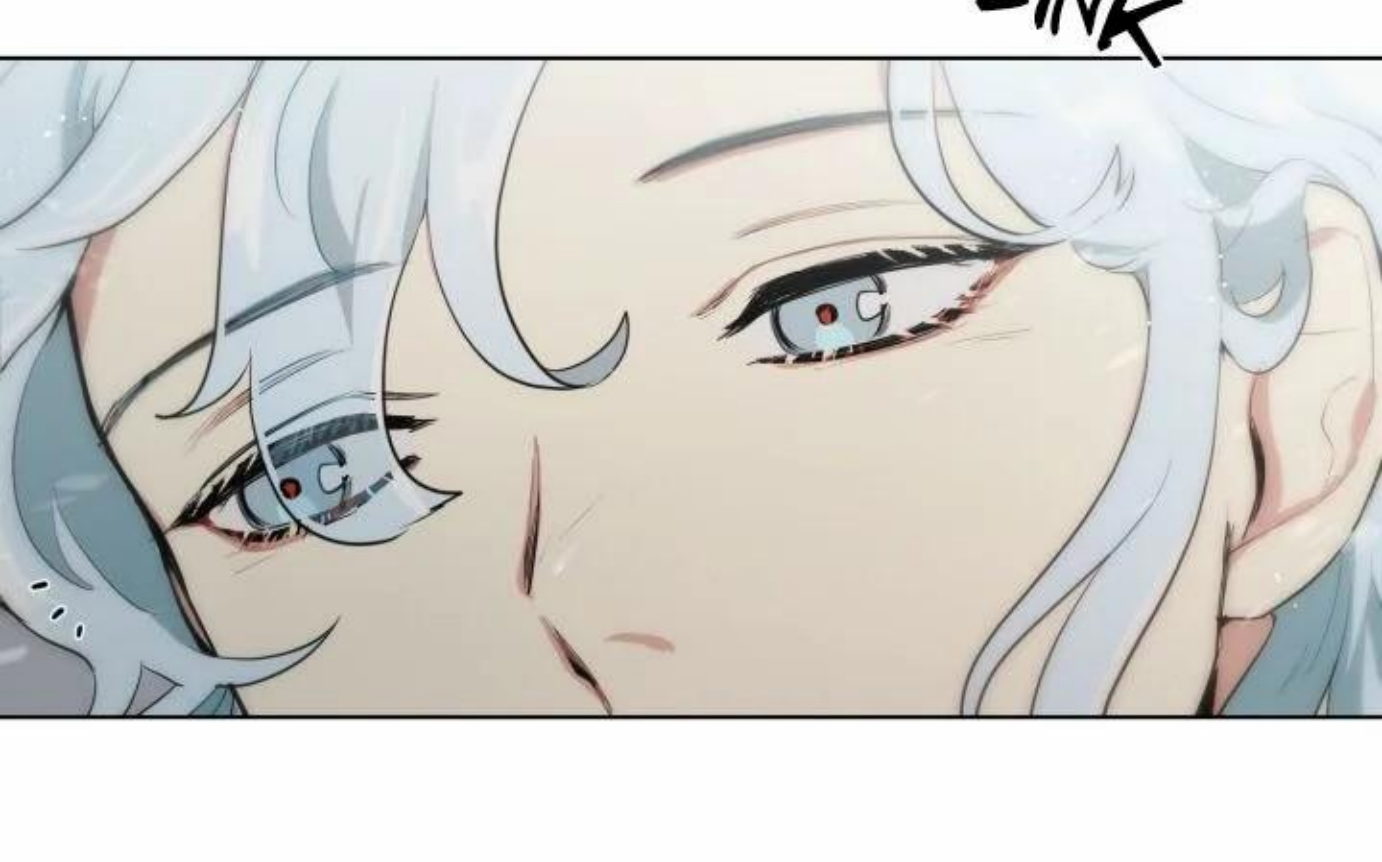
DON'T ASK  
UNNECESSARY  
QUESTIONS.



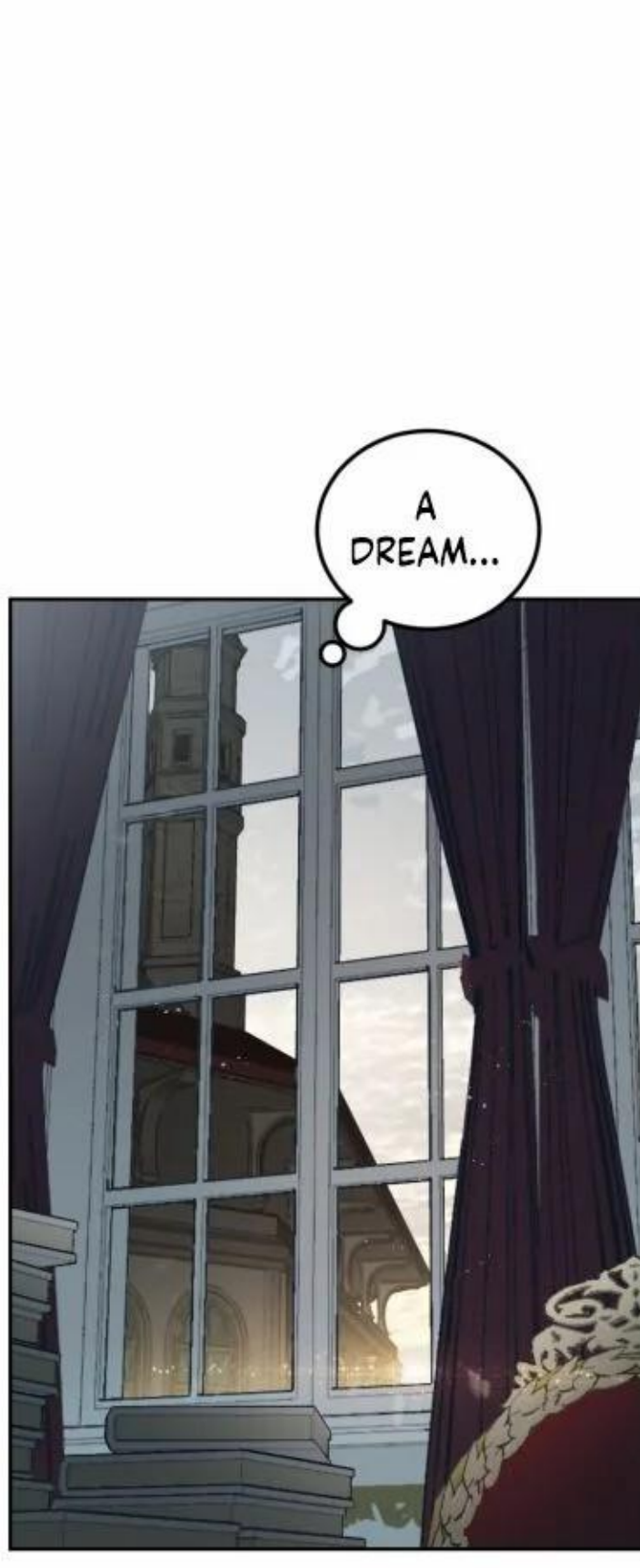
IT'S FOR MY  
OLDER SISTER, SO YOU  
JUST NEED TO DO AS  
YOU'RE TOLD.



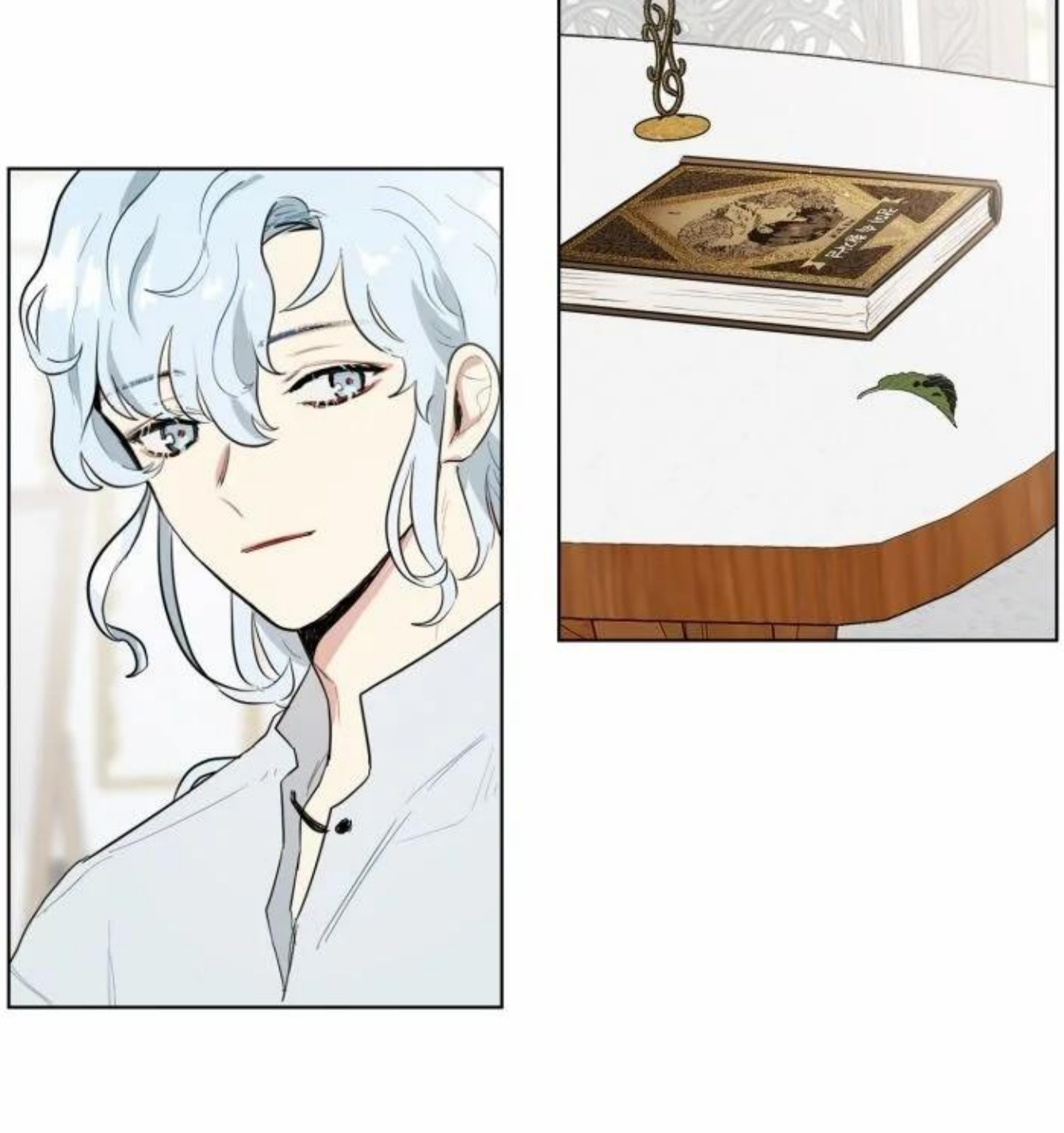
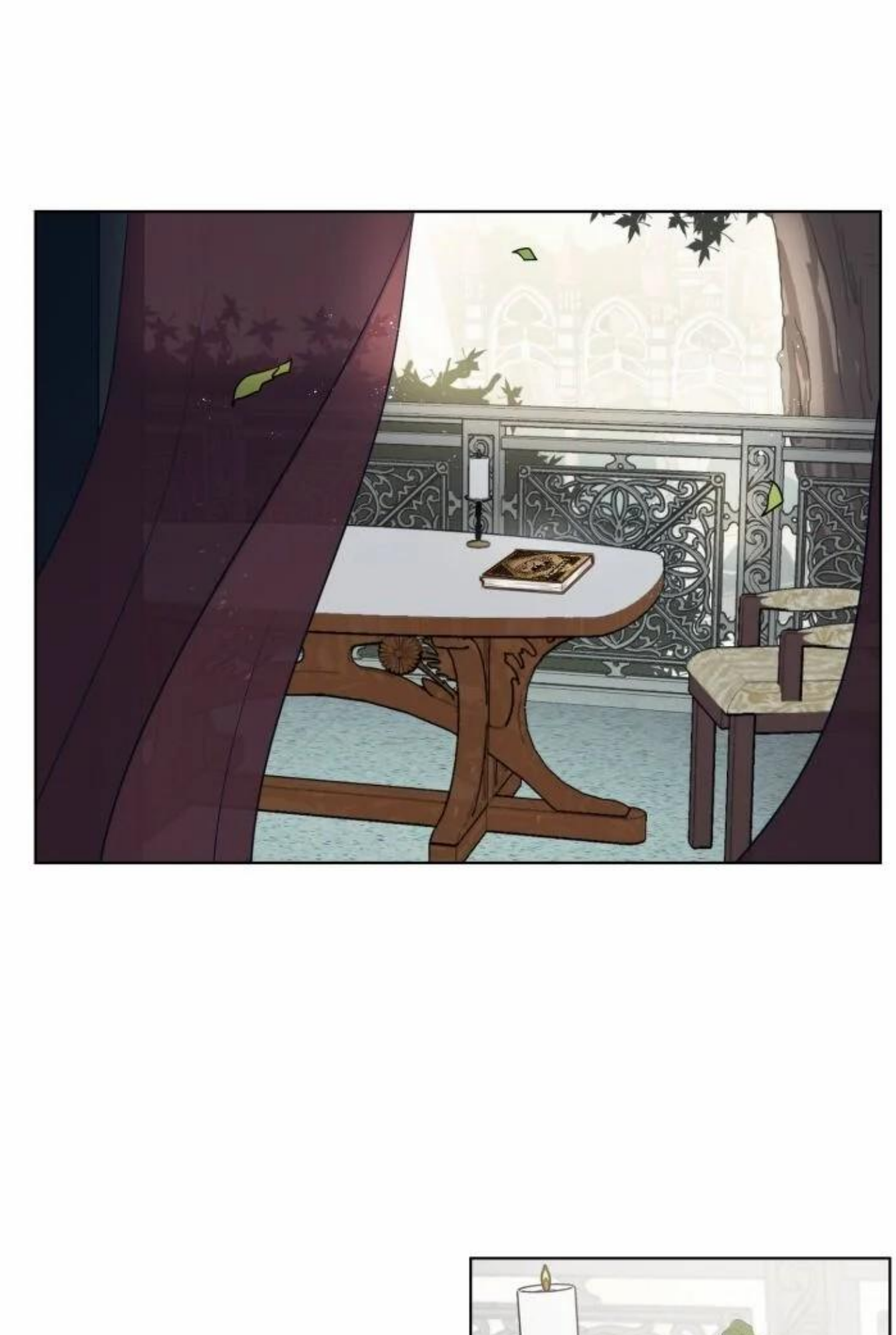
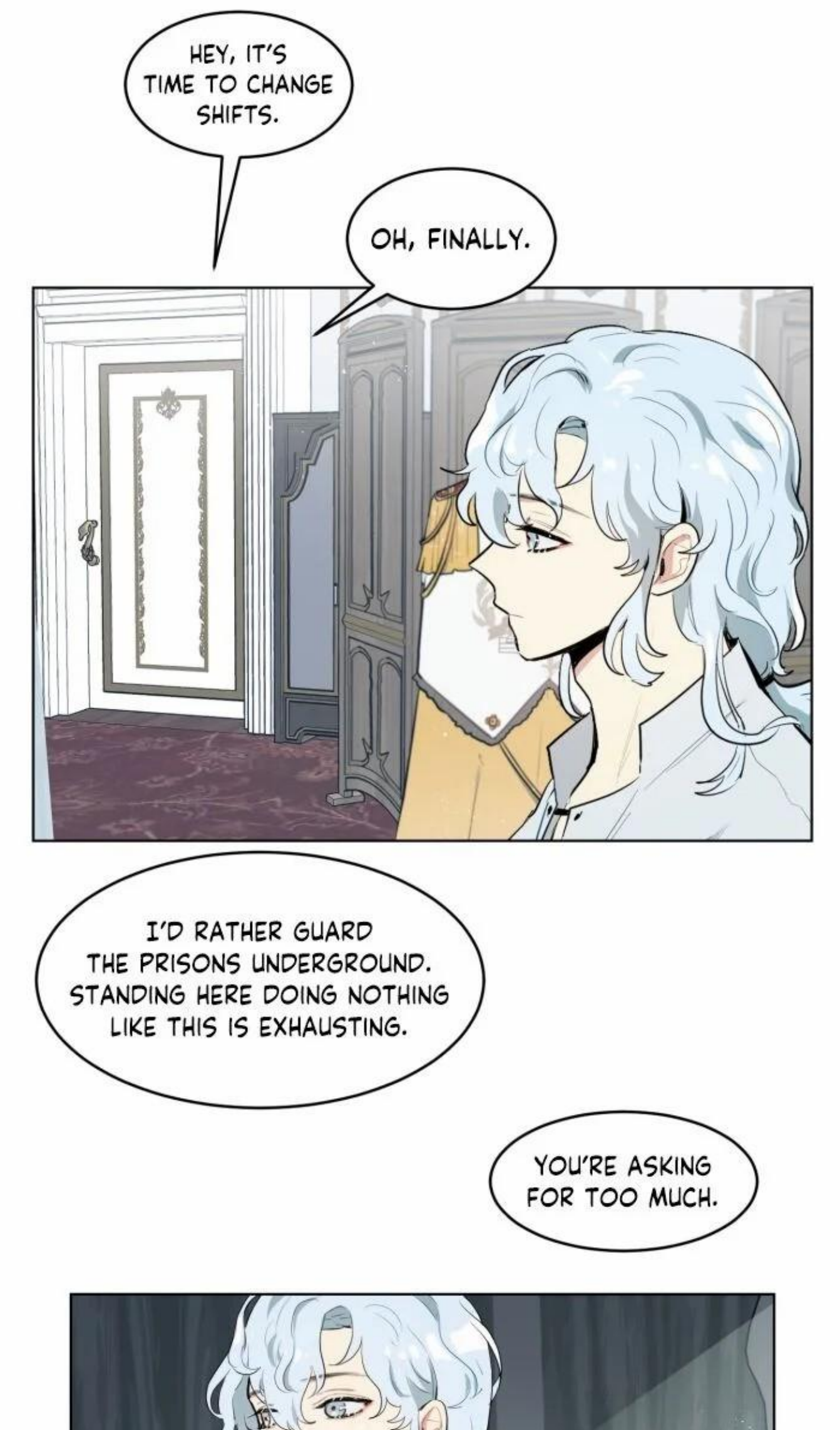
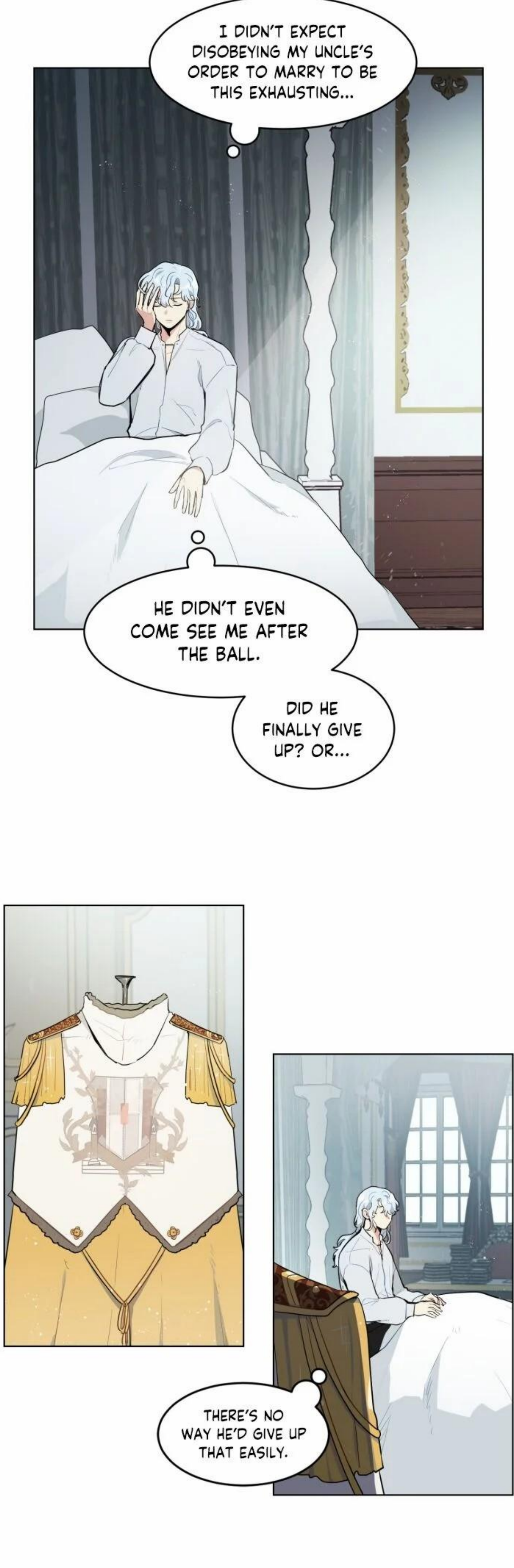
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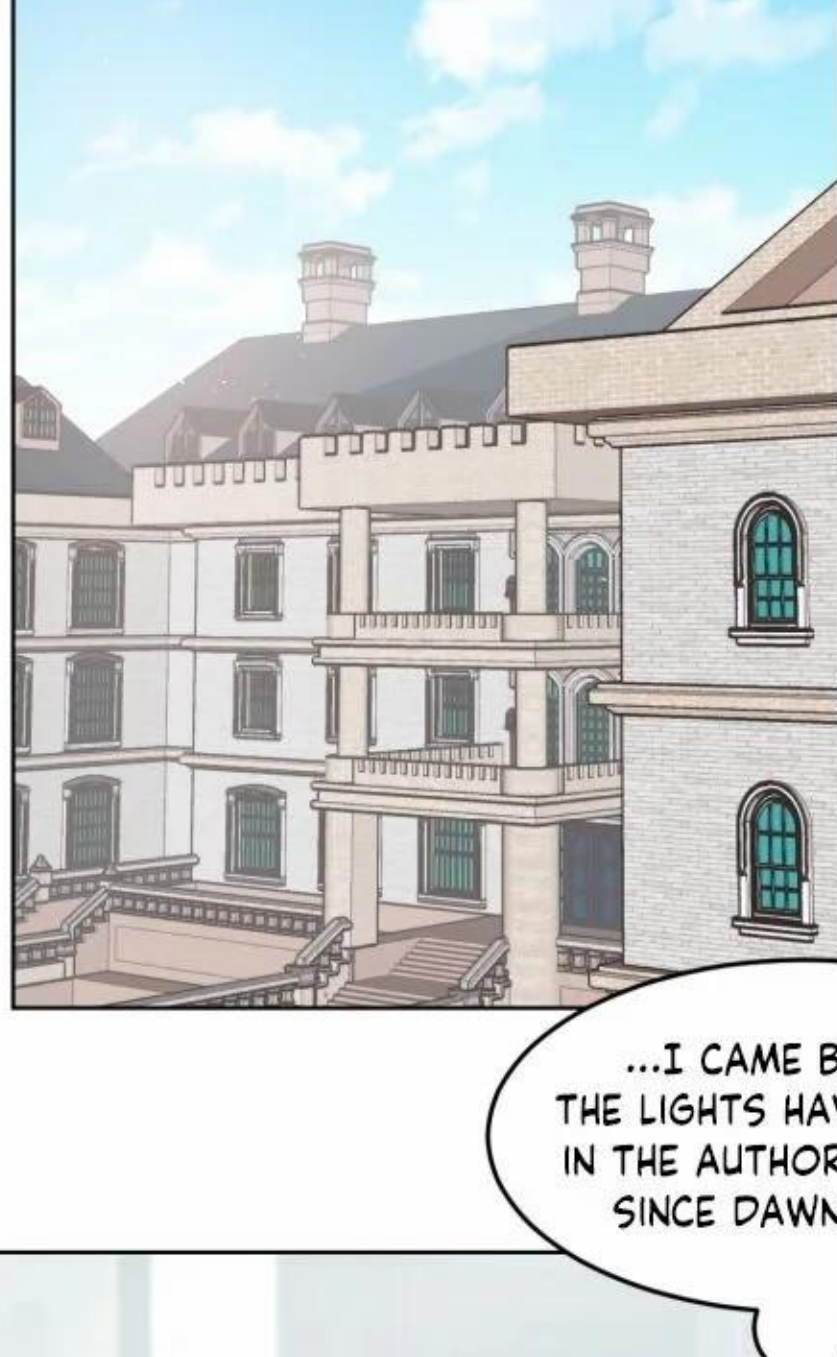
A  
DREAM...











...I CAME BY SINCE THE LIGHTS HAVE BEEN ON IN THE AUTHOR'S LIBRARY SINCE DAWN, BUT...



WHAT THE... WAS SHE WRITING ALL NIGHT?

CREAK



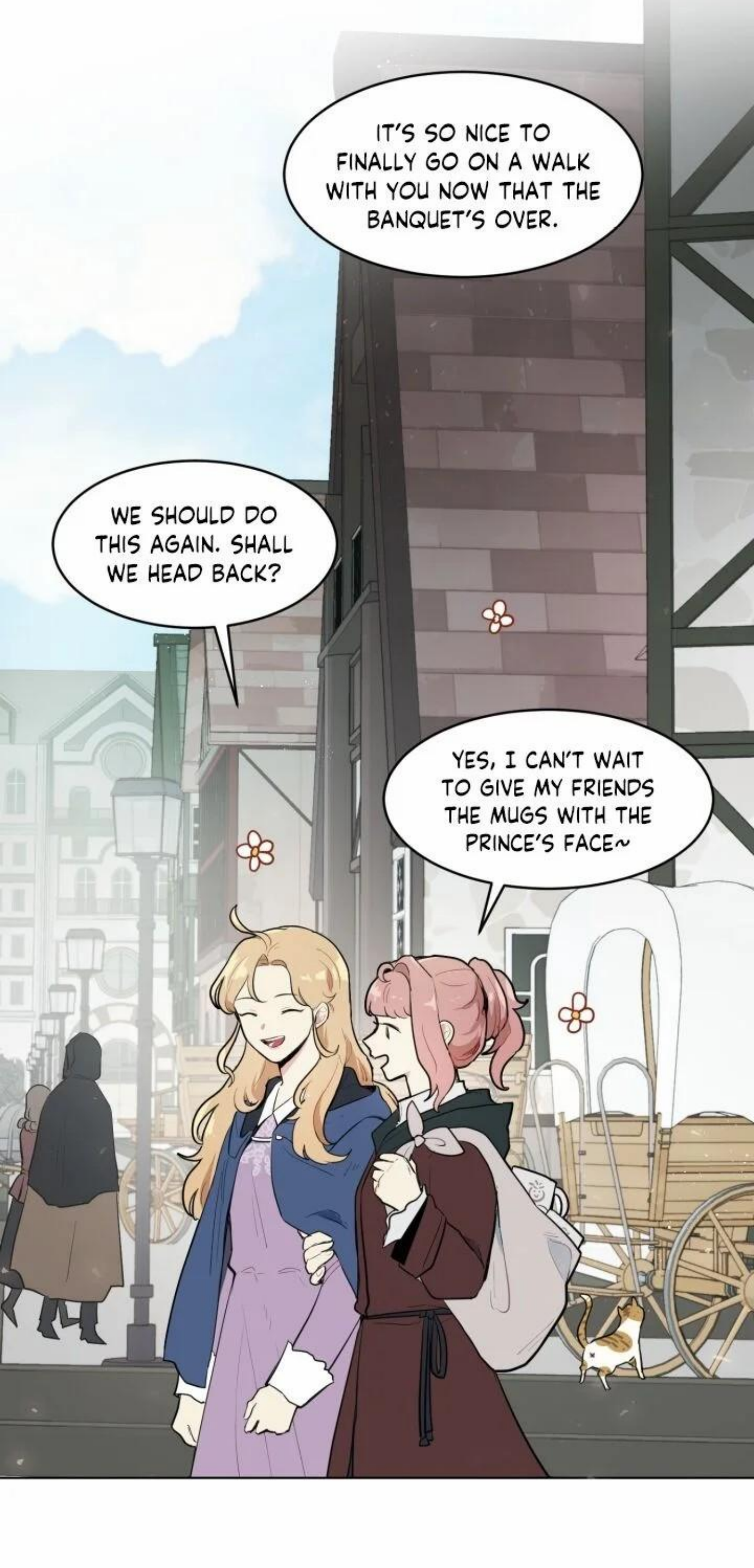
I KNEW IT.







Ms. Librarian, if you see this, please keep it a secret from the prince. I'll be back soon. I don't think he'll let me out at night... please!!



IT'S SO NICE TO FINALLY GO ON A WALK WITH YOU NOW THAT THE BANQUET'S OVER.

WE SHOULD DO THIS AGAIN. SHALL WE HEAD BACK?

YES, I CAN'T WAIT TO GIVE MY FRIENDS THE MUGS WITH THE PRINCE'S FACE~



I HOPE I HAVEN'T BEEN CAUGHT YET...

ANXIOUS



AH, UNNIE! LOOK AT THAT!



WHAT? WHAT'RE YOU STARING AT?!

SCRAM, I SAID!



ARE YOU ALRIGHT, MY LADIES?



KYAAH! IT'S THE CROWN PRINCE!!

HE'S ALWAYS BEEN PRETTY EMOTIONLESS. HAHA.

OUR PRINCE ISN'T LIKE THAT AT ALL!

DUMBFOUNDED



WHAT IN TARNATION?

CLING



THIS IS UPSETTING.  
TO BE HONEST, THIS IS THE  
FIRST TIME THAT THE MUGS  
WEREN'T SOLD OUT.

DID SOMETHING  
REALLY HAPPEN AT  
THE BANQUET?



I'M NOT SURE.  
TRY NOT TO PAY THEM  
ANY MIND.

MURMUR

Y'KNOW HOW RUMORS  
ABOUT THE PRINCE WERE  
NEVER GREAT, RIGHT? PEOPLE  
ONLY STARTED TO LIKE HIM  
CAUSE OF THAT NOVEL.

MURMUR



I'M SURE  
THERE'S MORE TO  
THE STORY THOUGH.  
I TRUST HIM.

I HEARD HE ONLY  
SHOWED HIS FACE AT THE  
BANQUET FOR A MOMENT,  
THEN LEFT. ISN'T THAT  
KIND OF RUDE?

(SIR MANO)

PEOPLE ARE ALSO  
SAYING THAT HE MAKES  
HIS KNIGHT DO ALL  
HIS WORK.



MAKES ME WONDER  
IF I SHOULD STOP  
BEING HIS FAN.

IT SEEMS LIKE A LOT OF  
RUMORS ARE LOOSELY BASED  
ON FACTS, BUT THEY'RE  
OVERLY EMBELLISHED.

CLIP



I DON'T THINK  
ANYTHING HAPPENED THAT'S  
WORTH ALL THIS FUSS...

IT'S ONLY THIS  
EXAGGERATED CAUSE  
HE'S A PRINCE.

CLOP



LOOKS LIKE I'LL  
HAVE TO WORK HARD  
ON THE SEQUEL.

TCH, LOOKS TO ME  
LIKE THE CROWN PRINCE  
HAS A PROBLEM.

(SUDDENLY)

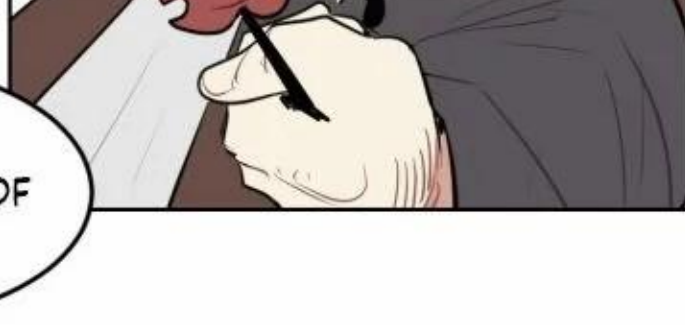


THE CROWN  
PRINCE?

THAT BASTARD'S  
SMILE IS DEFINITELY  
JUST AN ACT!

I WANNA SEE A  
TON OF SHIT TALKING IN  
THE NOVEL'S SEQUEL.

IS HE A  
DIEHARD FAN OF  
THE NOVEL...













CLIP



PHEW...



CLOP

I THINK WE'RE SAFE NOW.



I APOLOGIZE FOR CAUSING YOU SO MUCH TROUBLE. EVEN THOUGH YOU CAME OUT IN SECRET, WE...



NO, IT'S ALRIGHT.

IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOUR FRIEND THAT I WAS ABLE TO ESCAPE, AFTER ALL.

HAHA...

- AWKWARD -



HOW THE HELL DID IT TURN OUT LIKE THIS??

\*A MOMENT AGO\*

YOUR HIGHNESS THE CROWN PRINCE??!

WHAA!

CROWD

AHHH, THIS DAMN MOUTH OF MINE! QUICK, GET OUT OF HERE!



IS IT REALLY HIM?

IS THAT ANTENNA THE REAL ANTENNA?

I WAS A BIT FLUSTERED WHEN THE PAPARAZZI CHASED US BY HORSE, BUT...

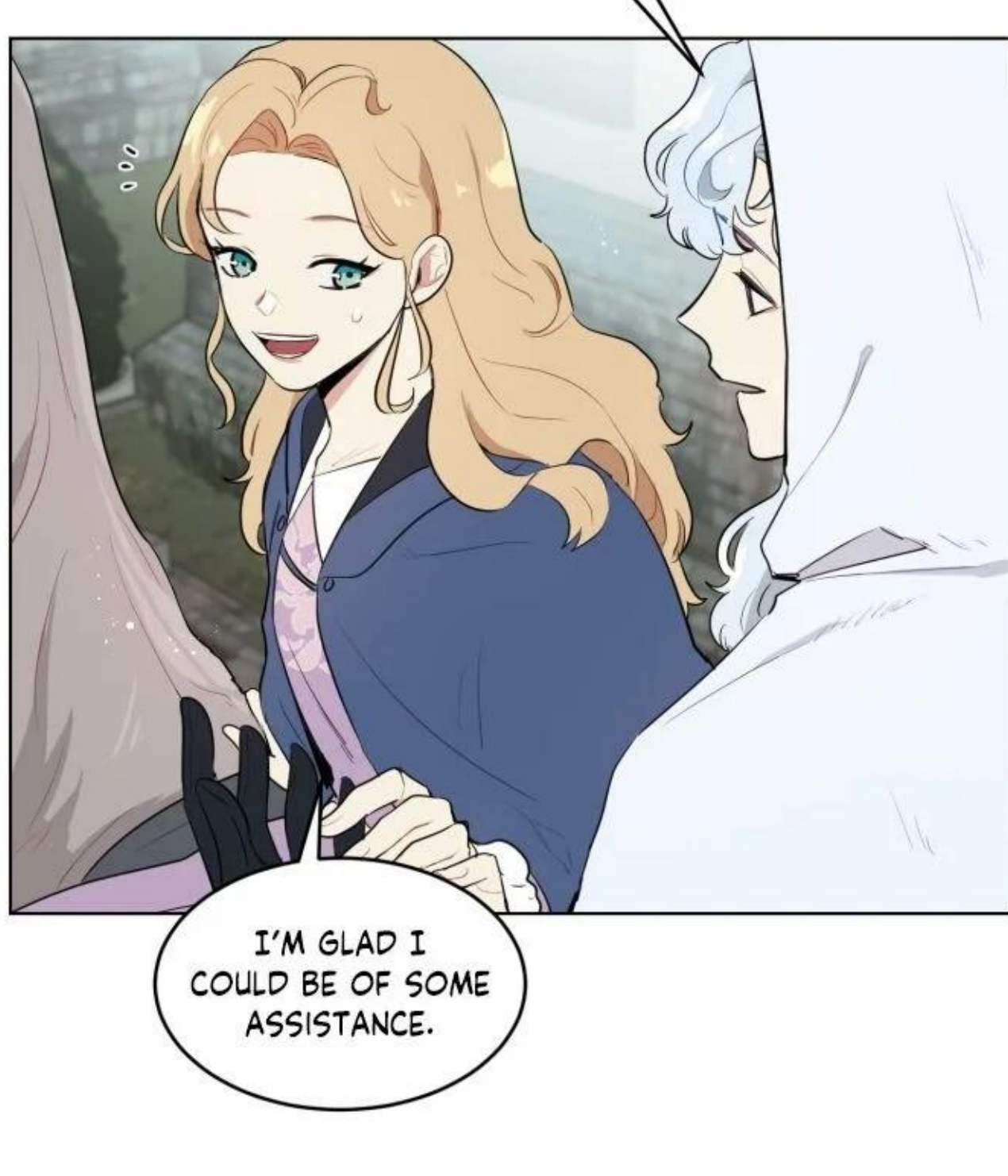


EXCLUSIVE!

SOMEHOW GOT ON THE HORSE.

I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD APOLOGIZE. IT'S MY FIRST TIME HERE AND I DIDN'T KNOW THE WAY SO I NEEDED YOUR HELP.





I'M GLAD I COULD BE OF SOME ASSISTANCE.



I CAN'T BELIEVE I MET THE CROWN PRINCE SO EARLY IN THE DAY AT A PLACE LIKE THIS...

I SHOULD WATCH WHAT I SAY AND LEAVE QUICKLY. I'M SCARED I'LL END UP MAKING SOME KIND OF MISTAKE...



IF YOU FOLLOW THIS PATH, YOU'LL SEE THE INNER WALLS OF THE CASTLE.

IT WAS AN HONOR MEETING YOU AGAIN.

I WAS QUITE LUCKY TO MEET YOU WHEN I WAS LOST ON THE STREETS.



WHY WOULD YOUR HIGHNESS COME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE ALONE?

IT'S HARD FOR ME TO RELAX IN THE PALACE SINCE THERE ARE SO MANY KNIGHTS AROUND.

AND I COULDN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT YOU, MISS SCHOLAR, AFTER YOU LEFT ME IN THE MIDDLE OF A DANCE AT THE BANQUET... SO HERE I AM.



AH, I DID DO THAT...

SINCE I'M ALWAYS TIED UP IN THE CASTLE, IT'S HARD TO FIND MY WAY ON MY OWN.

I EVEN ENDED UP GETTING LOST.



WHAT DOES HE MEAN BY 'TIED UP'?

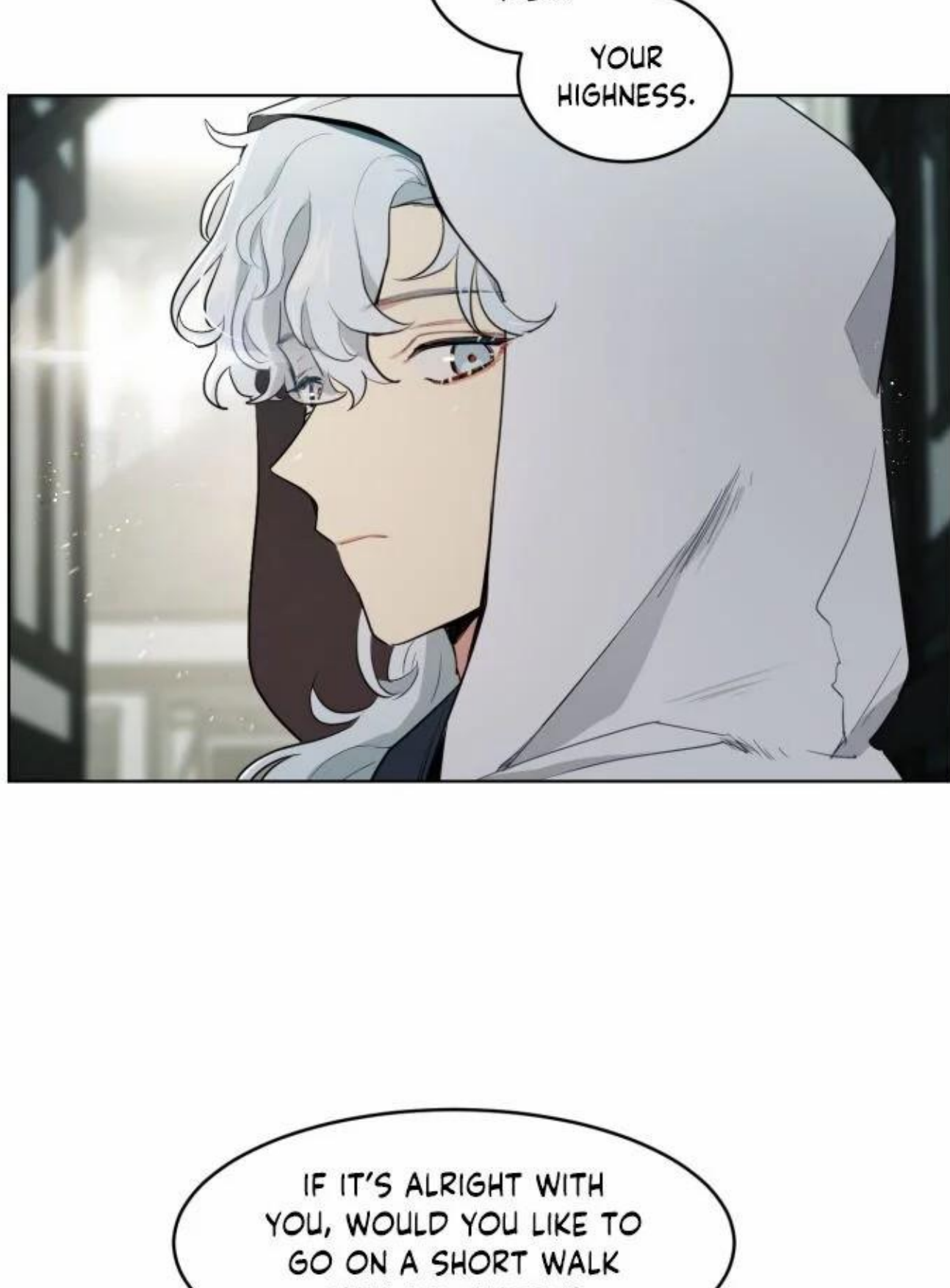
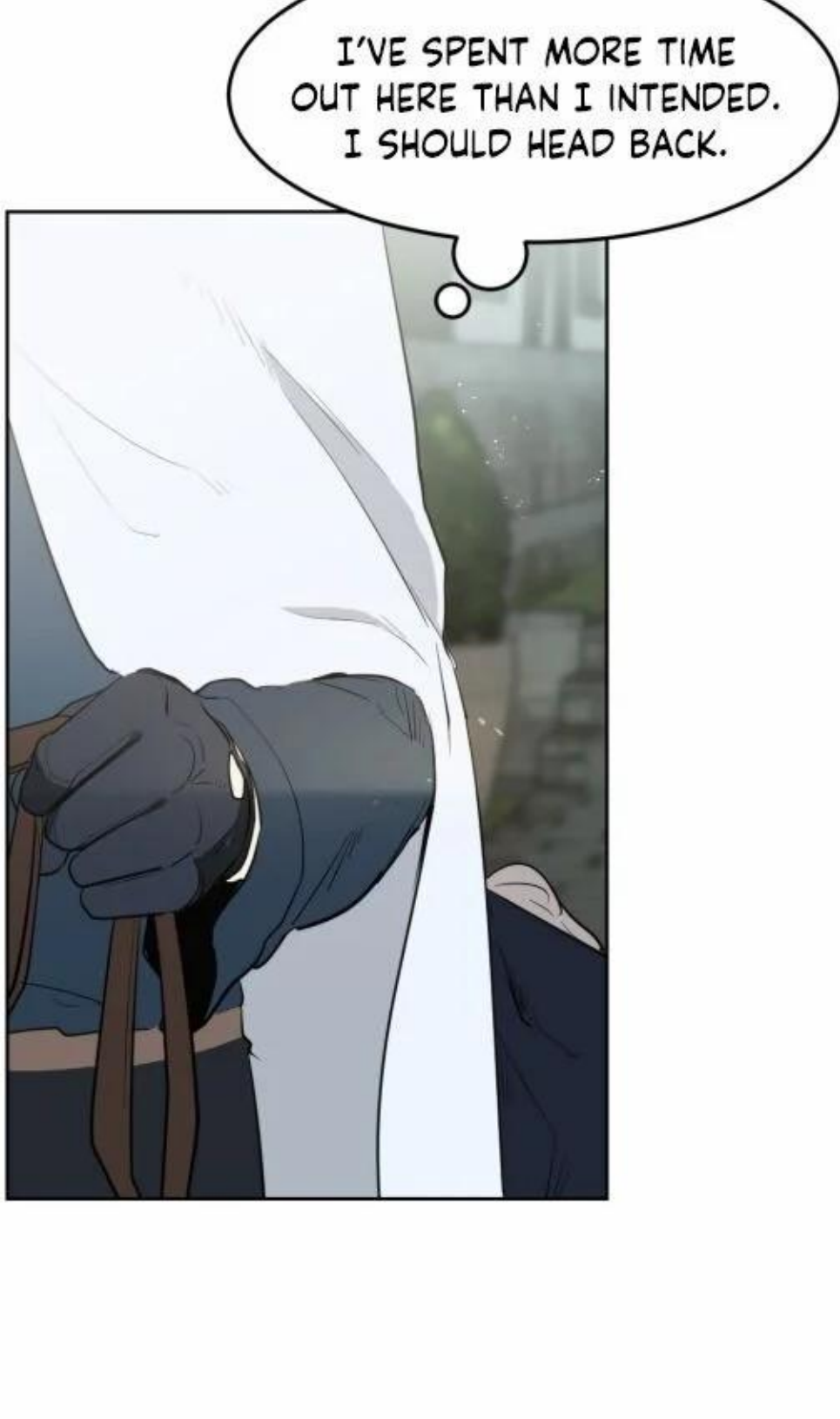
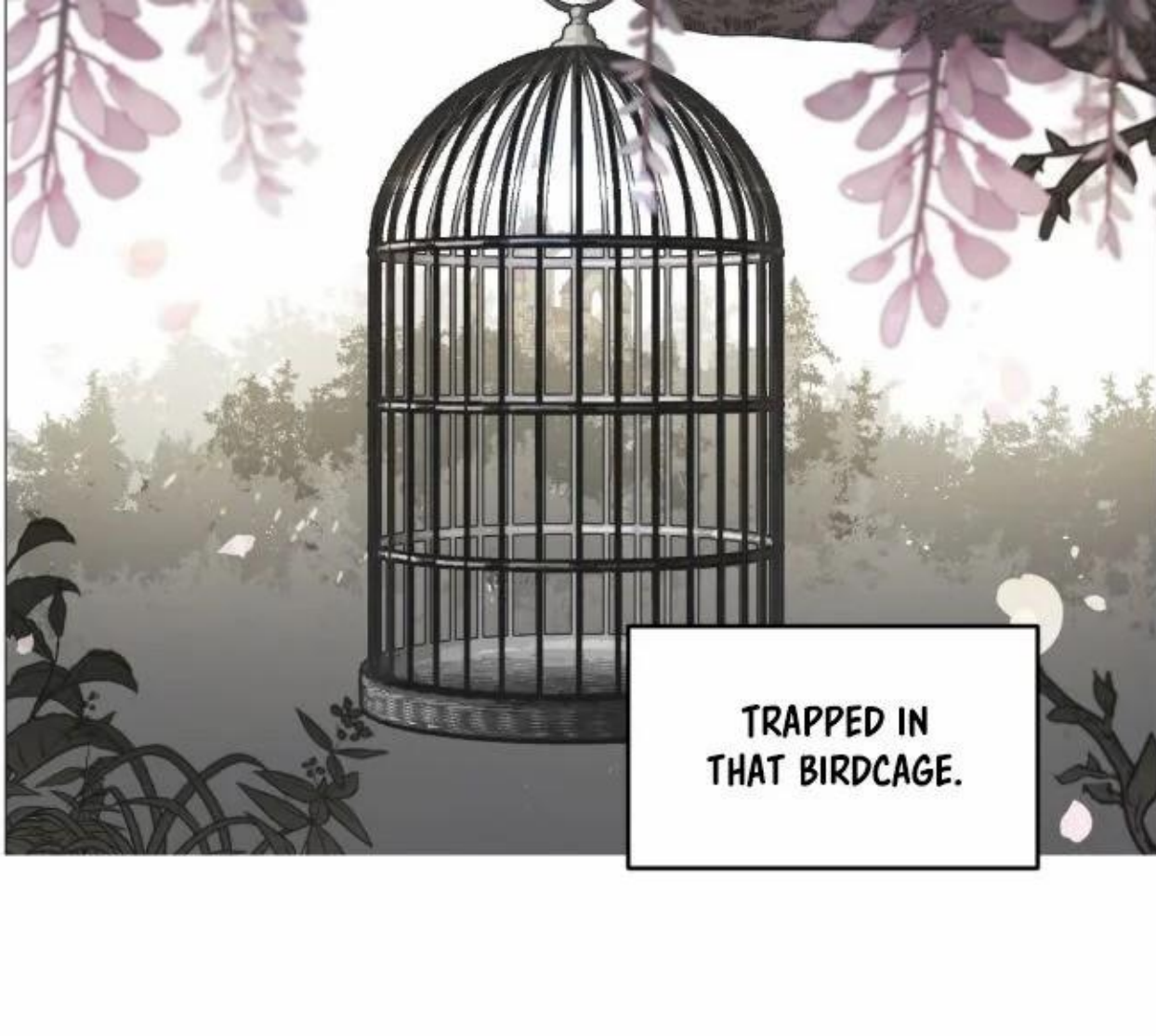
HE DID SAY IT LIGHTLY, BUT...



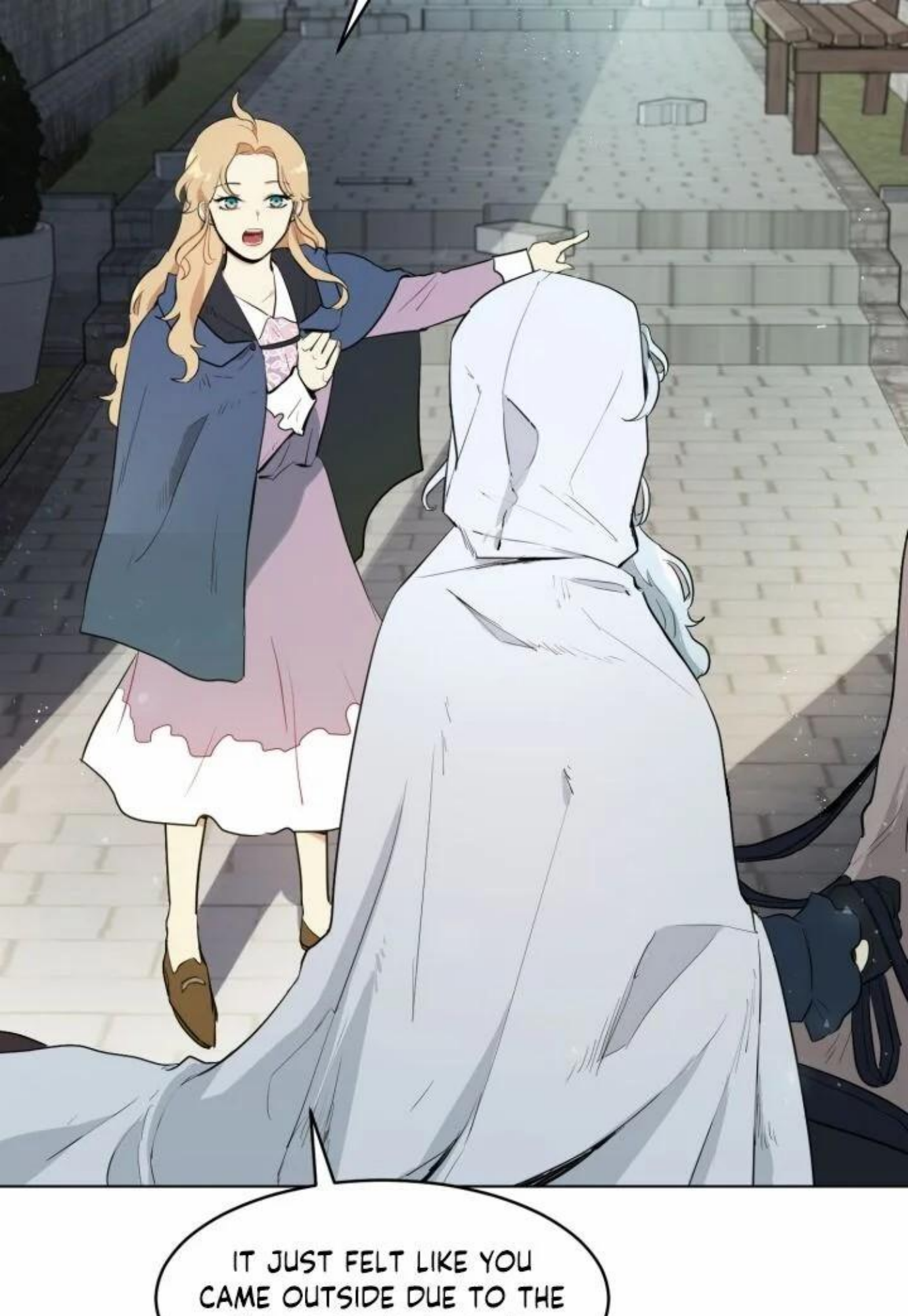
BACK THEN, THE PRINCE WAS ALSO...



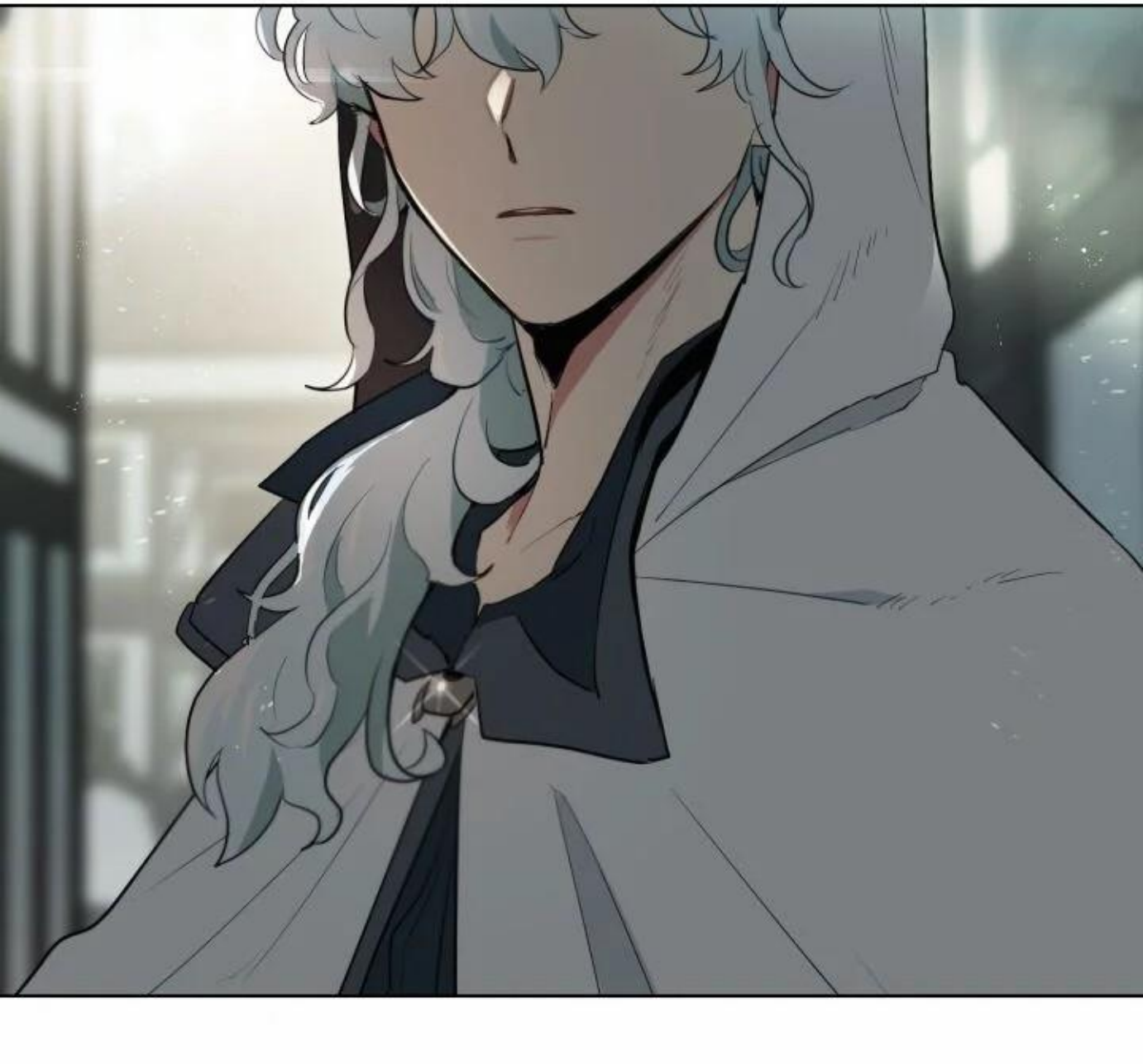








IT JUST FELT LIKE YOU  
CAME OUTSIDE DUE TO THE  
CASTLE BEING STIFLING.



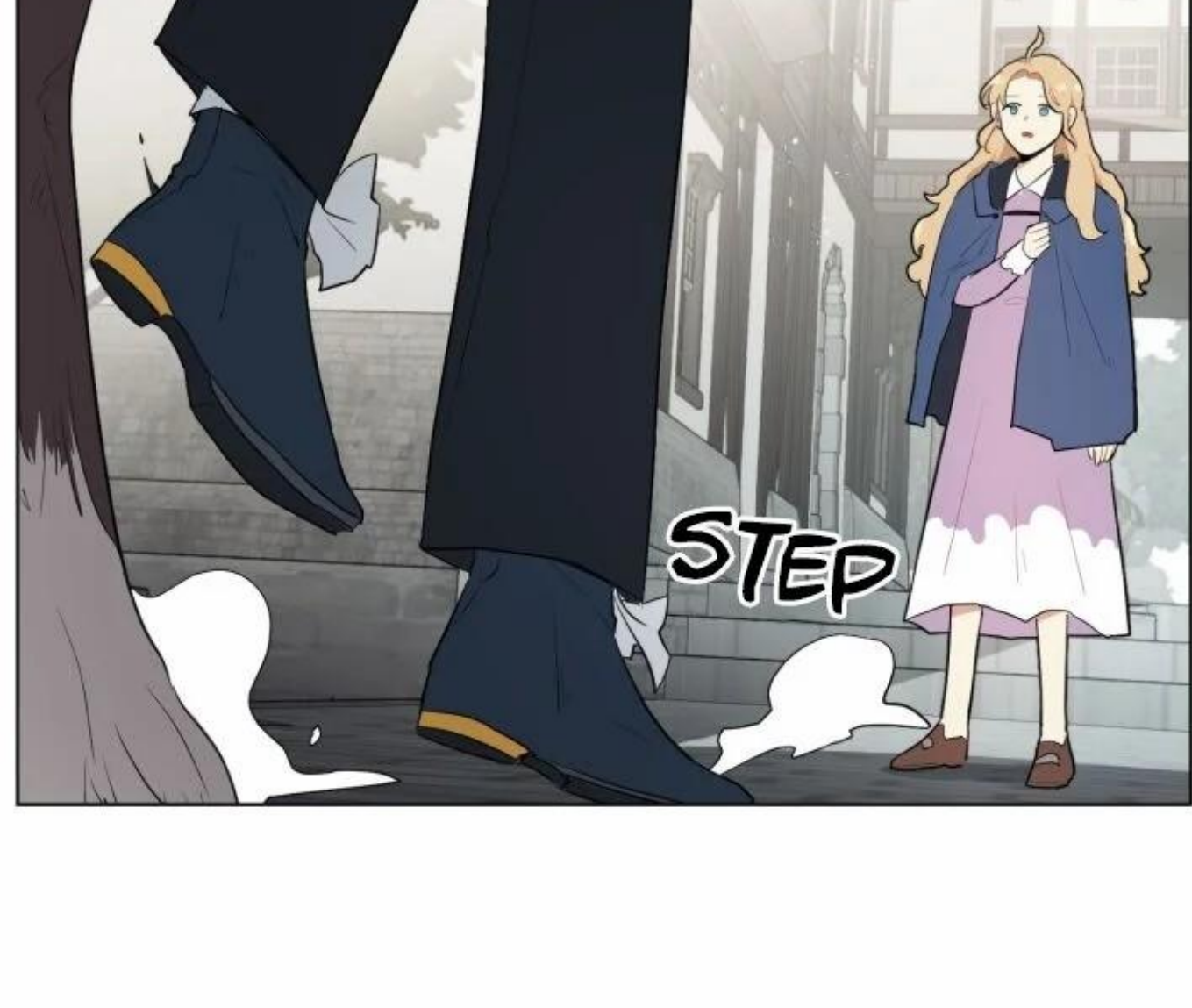
OH NO, I SPOKE  
AS IF I WAS TALKING  
TO PRINCE RAYBURN  
JUST NOW.

WHAT'S WORSE,  
HE'S A MEMBER OF  
THE SCHWANDELL  
FAMILY...



I- I'M SORRY IF I  
OFFENDED YOU...

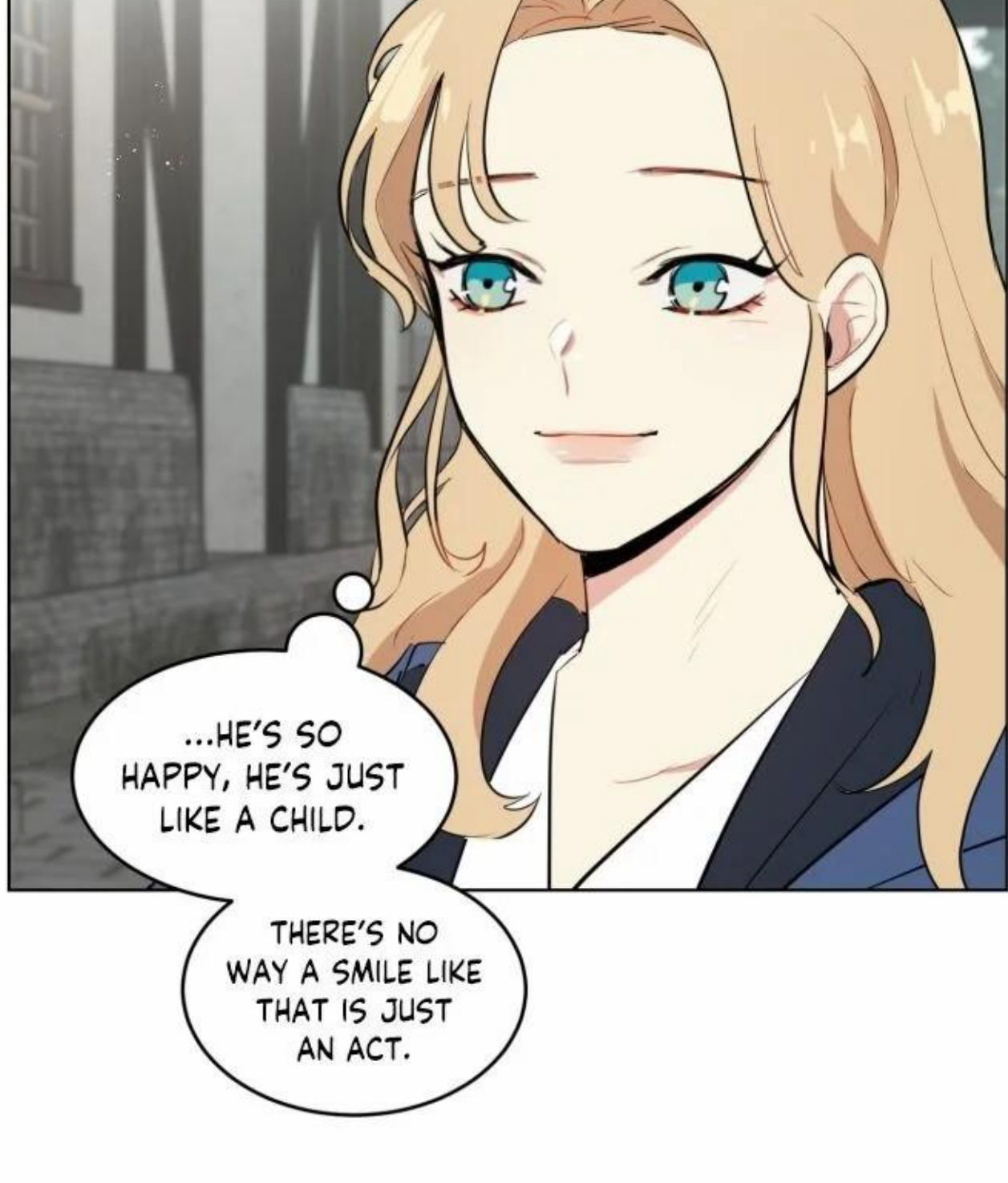
A WALK,  
YOU SAY.



HAHA... THIS  
IS THE FIRST TIME  
I'VE EVER GOTTEN  
SUCH AN OFFER!



THEN, COULD I  
ASK YOU TO SHOW ME  
AROUND TOWN?



...HE'S SO  
HAPPY, HE'S JUST  
LIKE A CHILD.

THERE'S NO  
WAY A SMILE LIKE  
THAT IS JUST  
AN ACT.



CLIP  
CLOP

GEEZ, WHY'RE THERE  
SO MANY PEOPLE GALLOPING  
AROUND TODAY?

CLIP  
CLOP

IT'S DANGEROUS  
TO RIDE THAT FAST  
SO EARLY...

...HEY WAIT,  
ISN'T THAT...

THE  
PRINCE?

WHERE THE  
HELL IS SHE?

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CLIP

WOAH, IT'S REALLY  
THE PRINCE. WHY IS HE  
OUT AND ABOUT SO EARLY  
IN THE MORNING?

CLOP

SHOULD I ASK  
HIM TO SIGN THE  
POSTCARD I BOUGHT  
EARLIER?

LOOKS  
AROUND

WOULDN'T HE  
HATE THE MERCH? NOT  
TO MENTION, HE'S  
KIND OF SCARY.

WHAT IF HIS IMAGE IS  
ACTUALLY FAKE? I HEARD THAT  
HE DROVE AWAY THE NOBLES  
AT THE BANQUET...



YOU  
THERE,

EEK!

HAVE YOU SEEN  
THIS PERSON?



??



AH, THAT  
ANTENNA! I SAW  
HER EARLIER.

SHE WENT TOWARDS  
THE BACK END OF THE STREET  
ON A HORSE WITH SOMEONE  
WEARING A RED CAPE.

A CAPE?

YES, IT SEEMED  
LIKE AN URGENT  
SITUATION.



STRAINED EXPRESSION  
WHILE TRYING TO HIDE  
FROM THE PAPARAZZI

THEY  
WERE GOING  
REALLY FAST  
TOO.



WAS IT ONE  
OF CHANCELLOR'S  
MEN?



SHE'S IN DANGER.

CLIP CLOP

KYAA

THE PRINCE TALKED TO US!  
LET'S GET ON OUR CARRIAGES AND FOLLOW HIM!

BUT DID YOU JUST SEE THAT?

HIS HANDS WERE TREMBLING.

OOF... I CAN'T BELIEVE I ASKED TO GO ON A WALK TOGETHER WITH A MEMBER OF THE PRINCE'S POLITICAL OPPOSITION.

WHAT MAKES IT WORSE IS THAT HE'S THE CROWN PRINCE...

FEELING GUILTY

THAT ASIDE...

PRINCE HANDKERCHIEFS SALE

THE MERCH VENDORS FROM THE NIGHT MARKET ARE STILL AROUND...

ARE THEY STILL HERE BECAUSE THINGS AREN'T SELLING? JUST LIKE LIZZIE SAID?

THIS IS HELLA WEIRD.

-SHOPPING FOR THE PRINCE'S MERCH WITH THE CROWN PRINCE-

THERE ARE SO MANY FUN THINGS TO DO IN THE DUKEDOM.

SUPER EMBARRASSED

R- RIGHT?

HEY THERE, HANDSOME~

ARE YOU COSPLAYING AS THE CROWN PRINCE? I BET YOU'D ALSO LOOK GOOD DRESSED UP AS "THE PRINCE IN THE ROSE."

APPROACH



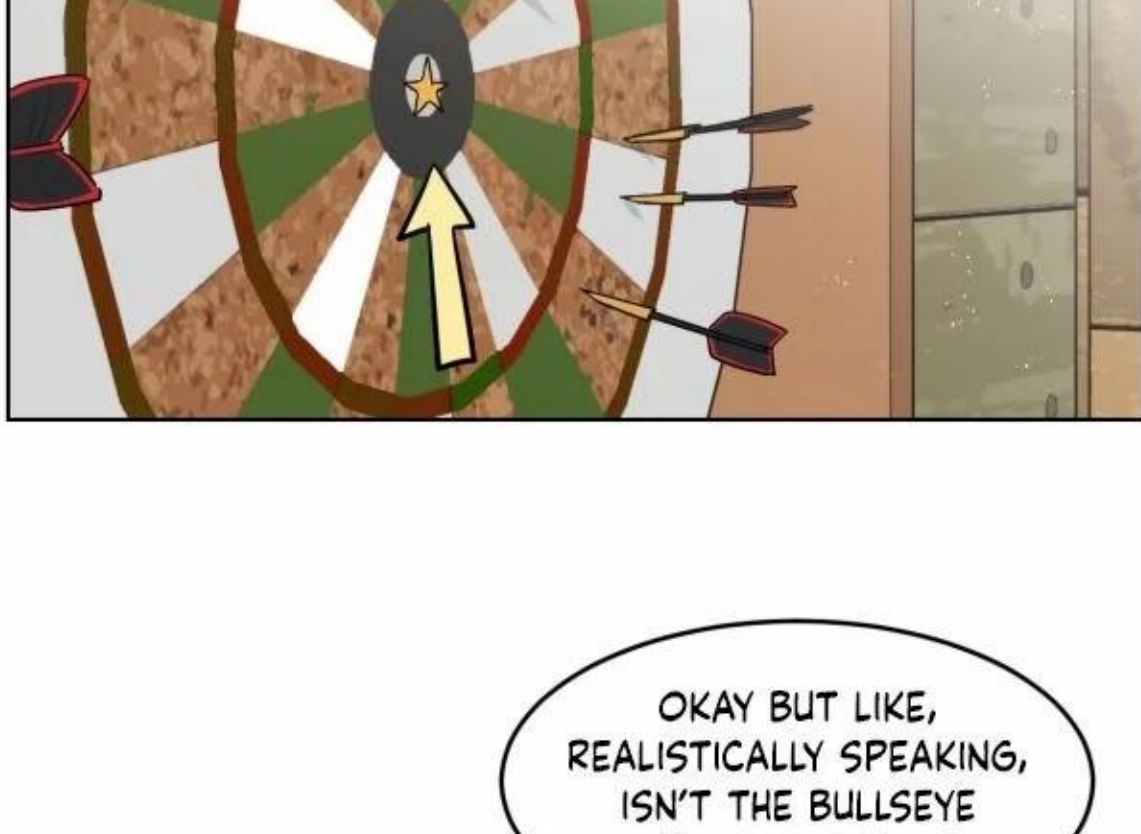


BREEZE





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OKAY BUT LIKE, REALISTICALLY SPEAKING, ISN'T THE BULLSEYE WAY TOO SMALL?

**SUPER FOCUSED**

IT'S AGAINST THE RULES TO LEAN FORWARD TOO MUCH~

THIS IS HARDER THAN ARCHERY.

SO DO YOU SPEND MOST OF YOUR TIME INSIDE THE CASTLE, YOUR HIGHNESS?

THAT MUST BE SUFFOCATING.



WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT OCCASIONALLY COMING OUT FOR A WALK WITH THE FUTURE CROWN PRINCESS, LIKE WE'RE DOING NOW?



I'M SURE IT MUST BE SUFFOCATING FOR HER AS WELL.



OH.

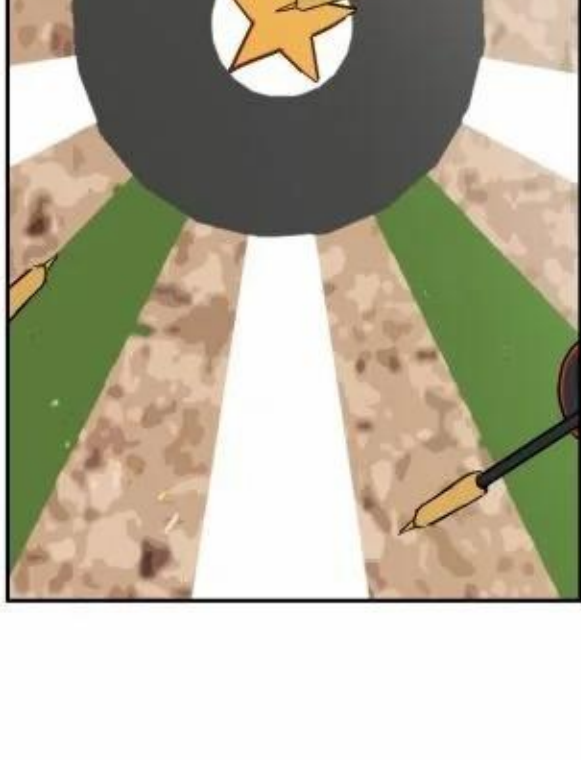
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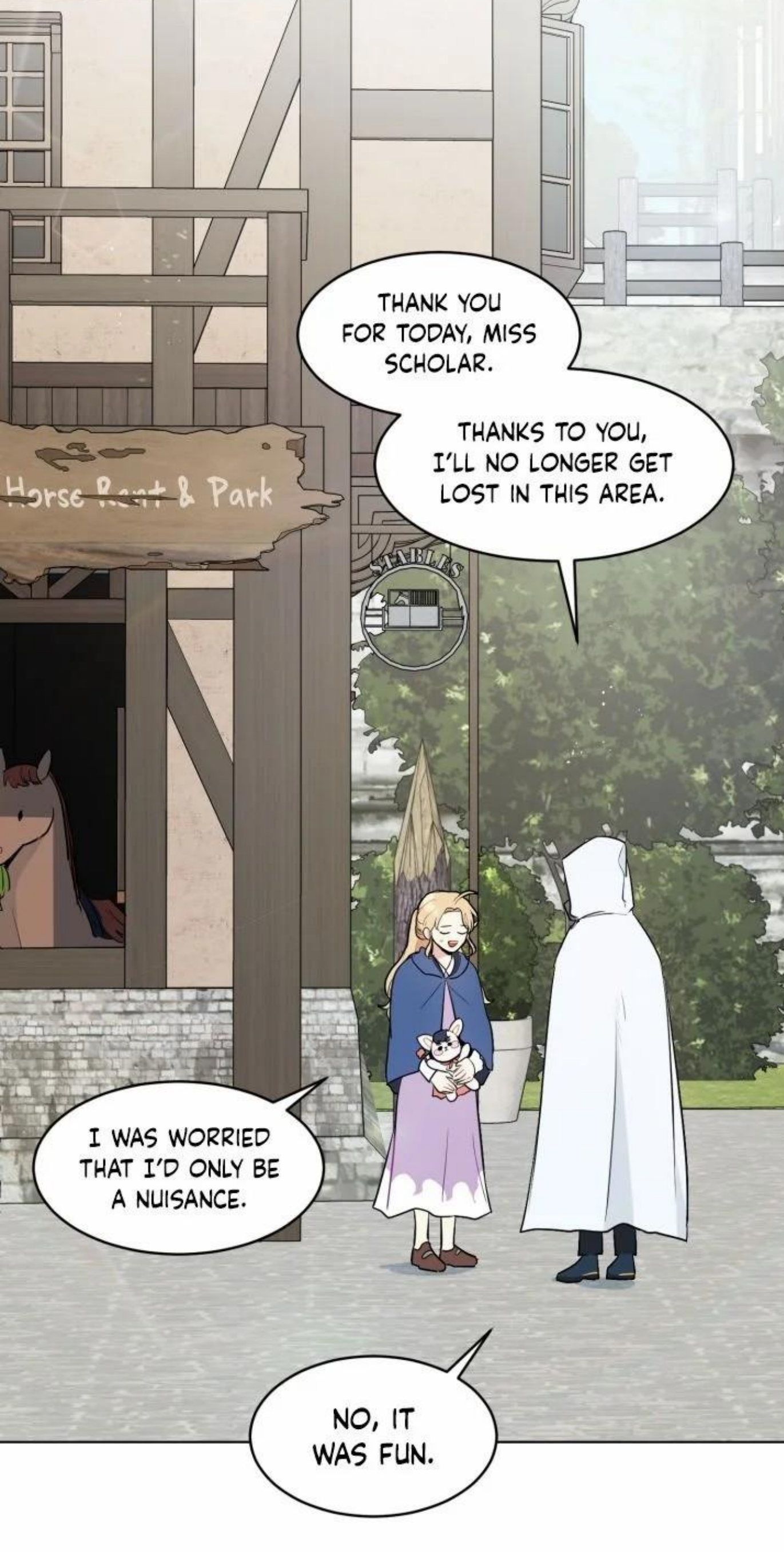
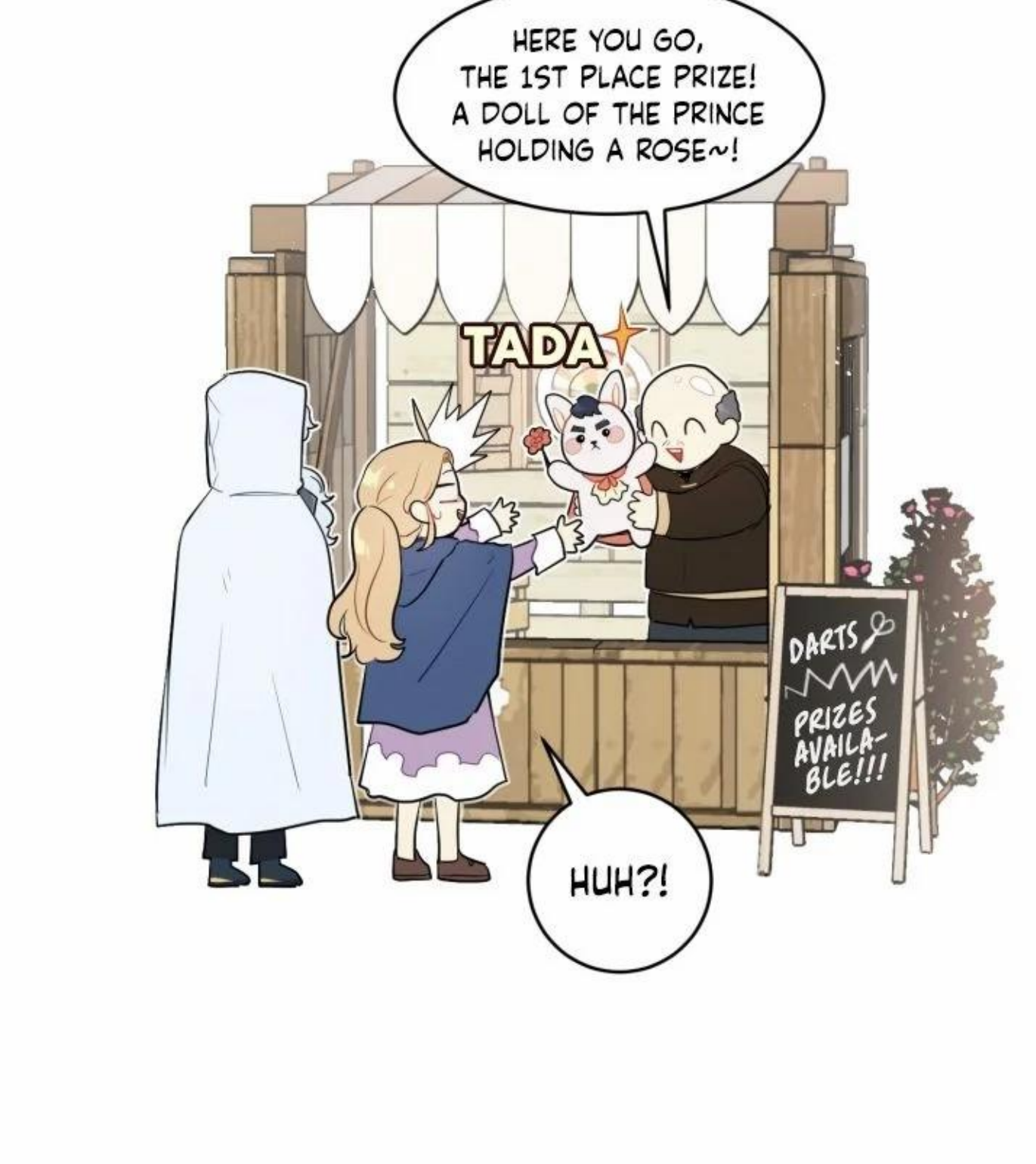
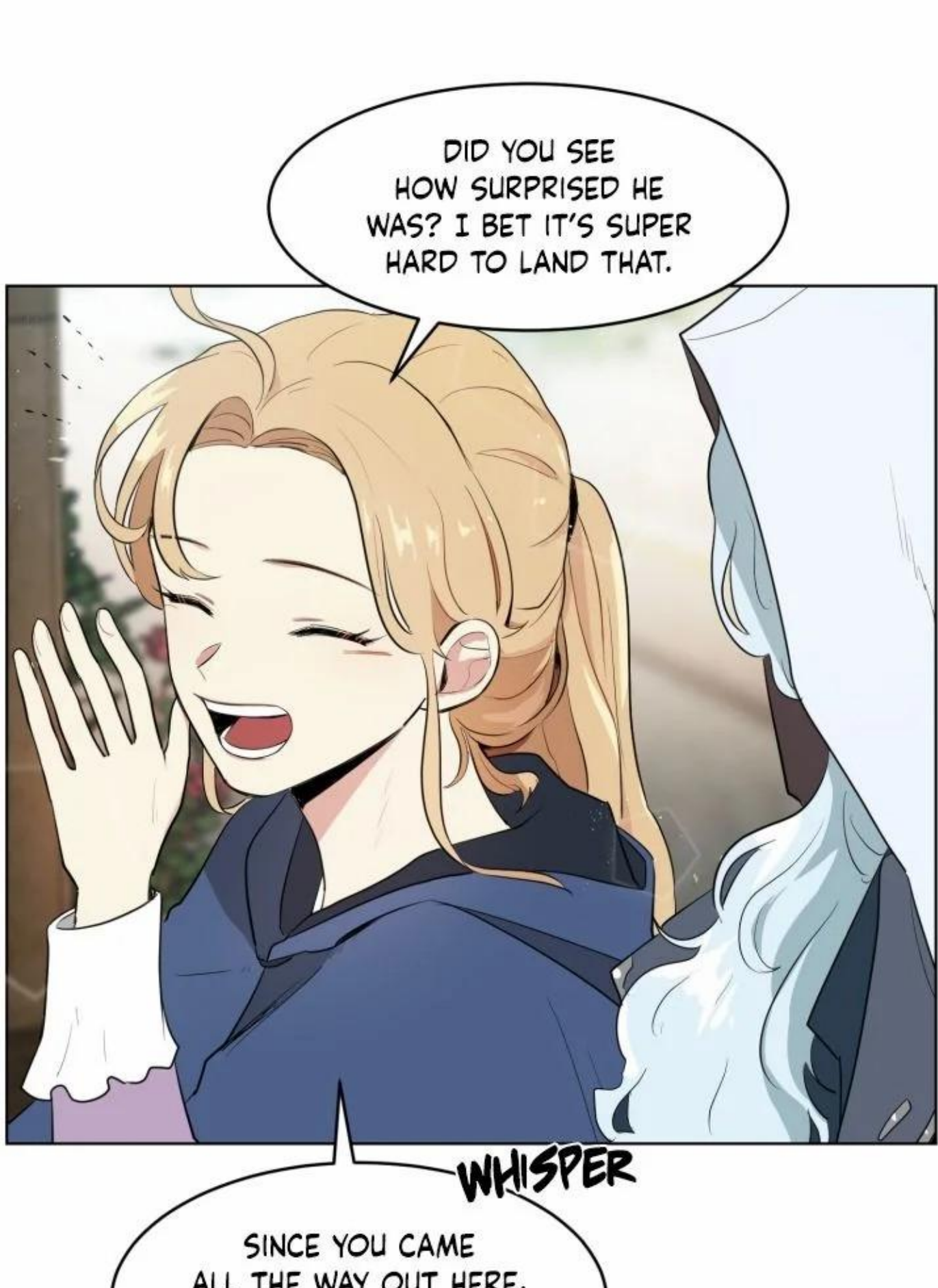
**BULLSEYE! I WON THE 1ST PLACE PRIZE, RIGHT?!**

**EXCITED**

WOW, HOW'D YOU MANAGE THAT? I'LL BRING OUT THE PRIZE~





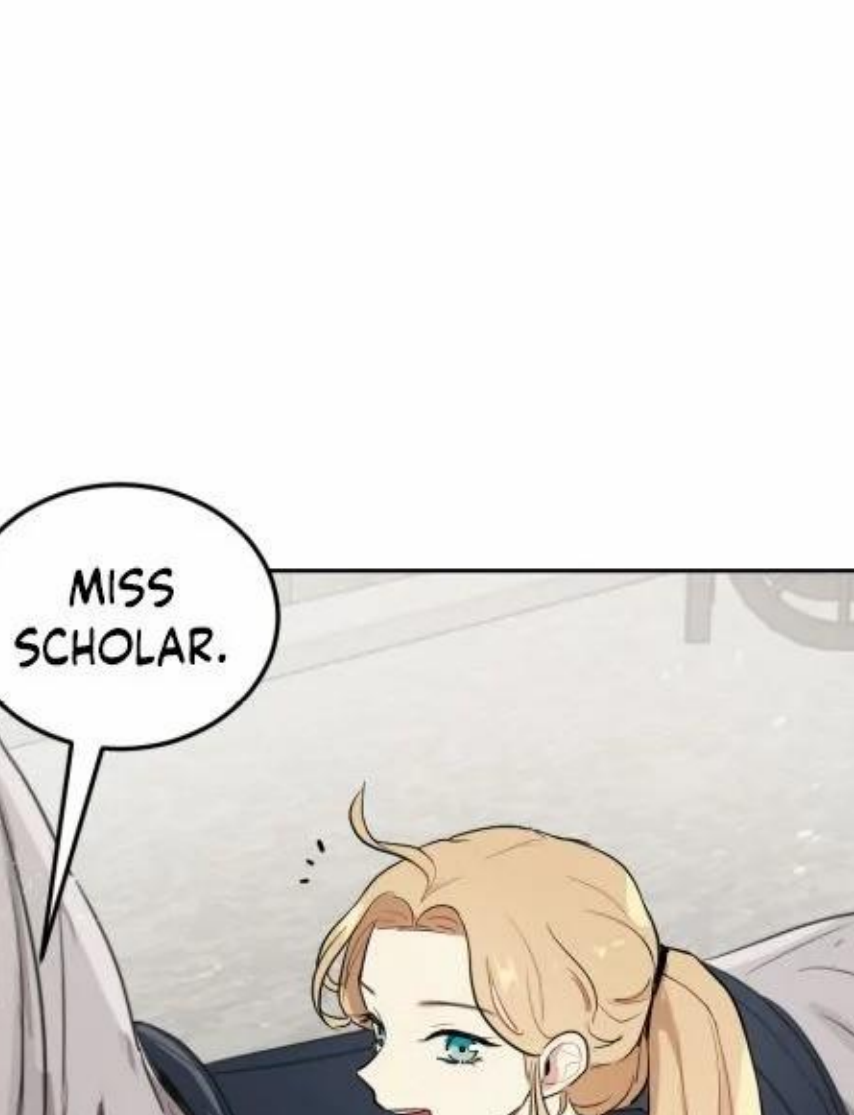




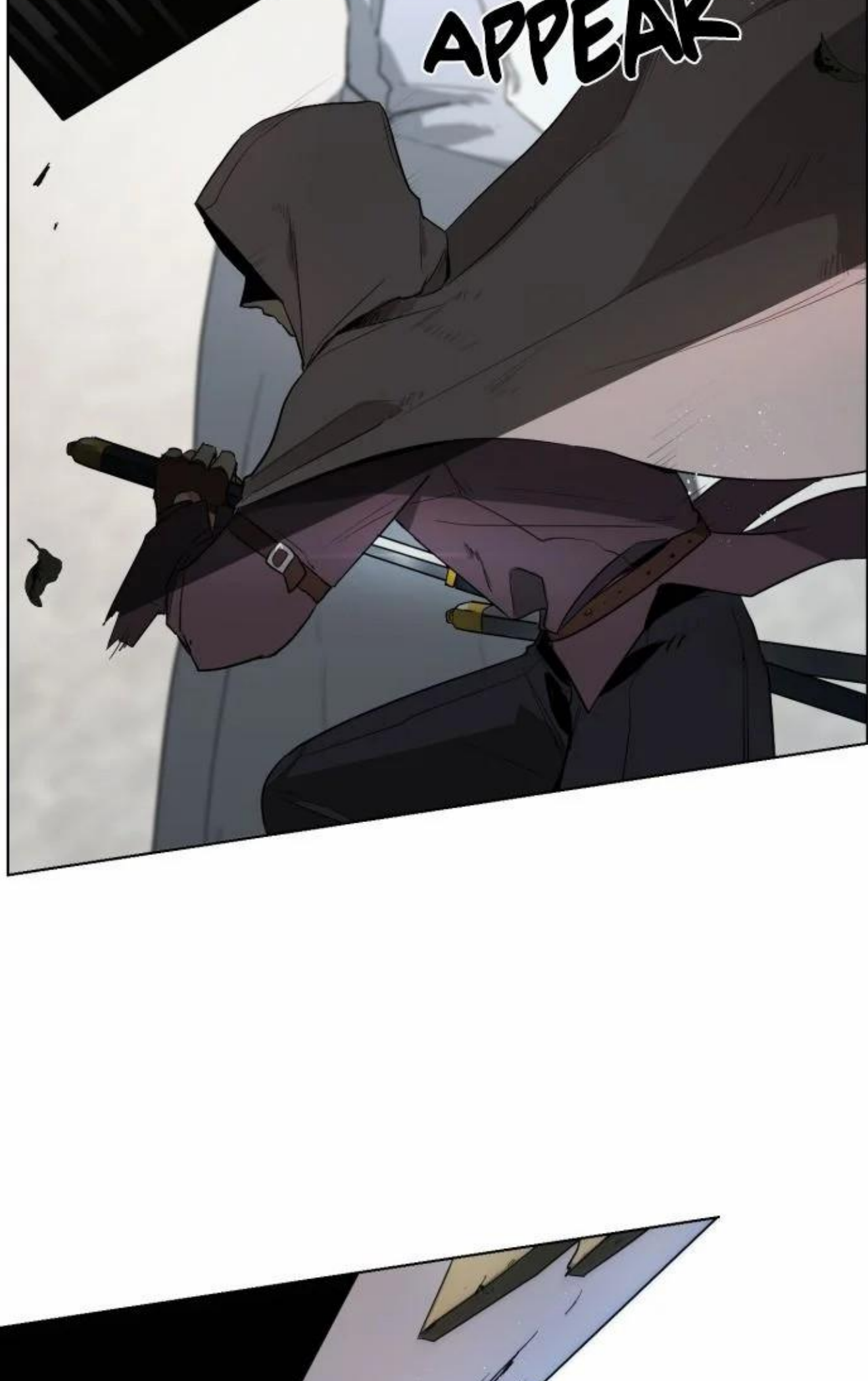
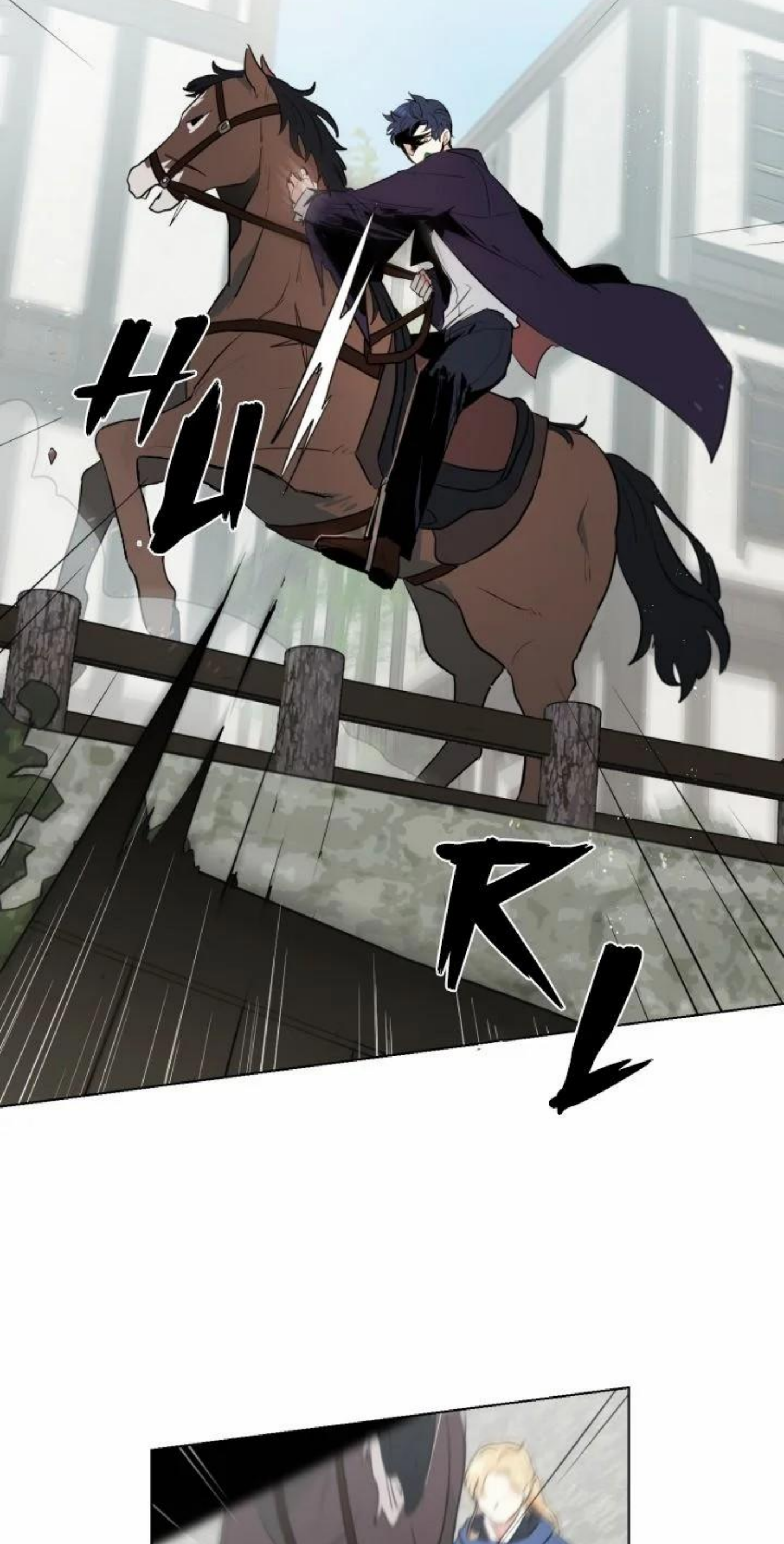
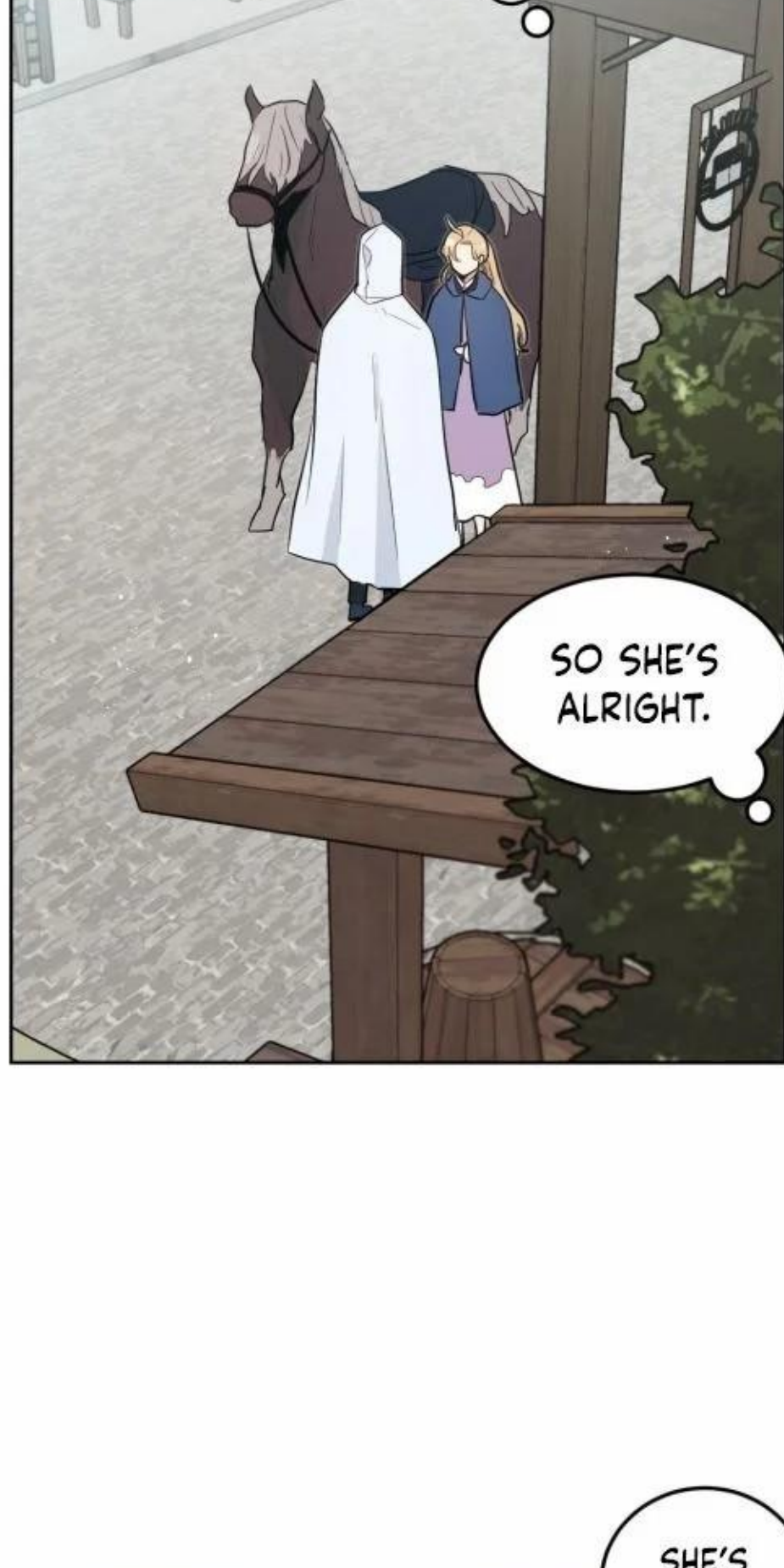
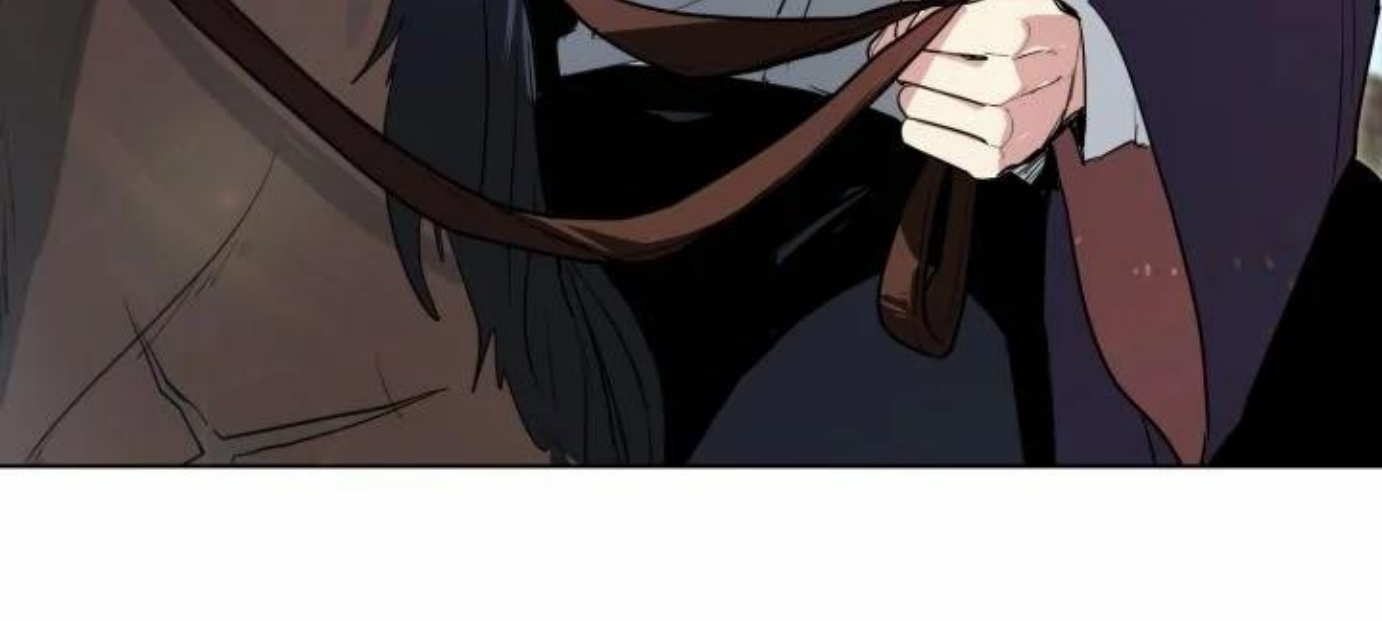
IF YOU WERE ABLE  
TO RELAX AND BREATHE FOR  
A BIT, YOUR HIGHNESS, I'D  
BE HAPPY WITH THAT.

AH, THERE'S  
THE HORSE YOU  
CHECKED IN.

AGAIN, IT  
WAS AN HONOR  
SERVING YOU.









SLASH



WAH!



MURMUR



MURMUR



AS EXPECTED,  
THERE'S MORE  
THAN ONE....

.....



THAT'S



...I APOLOGIZE  
FOR TAILING YOU.

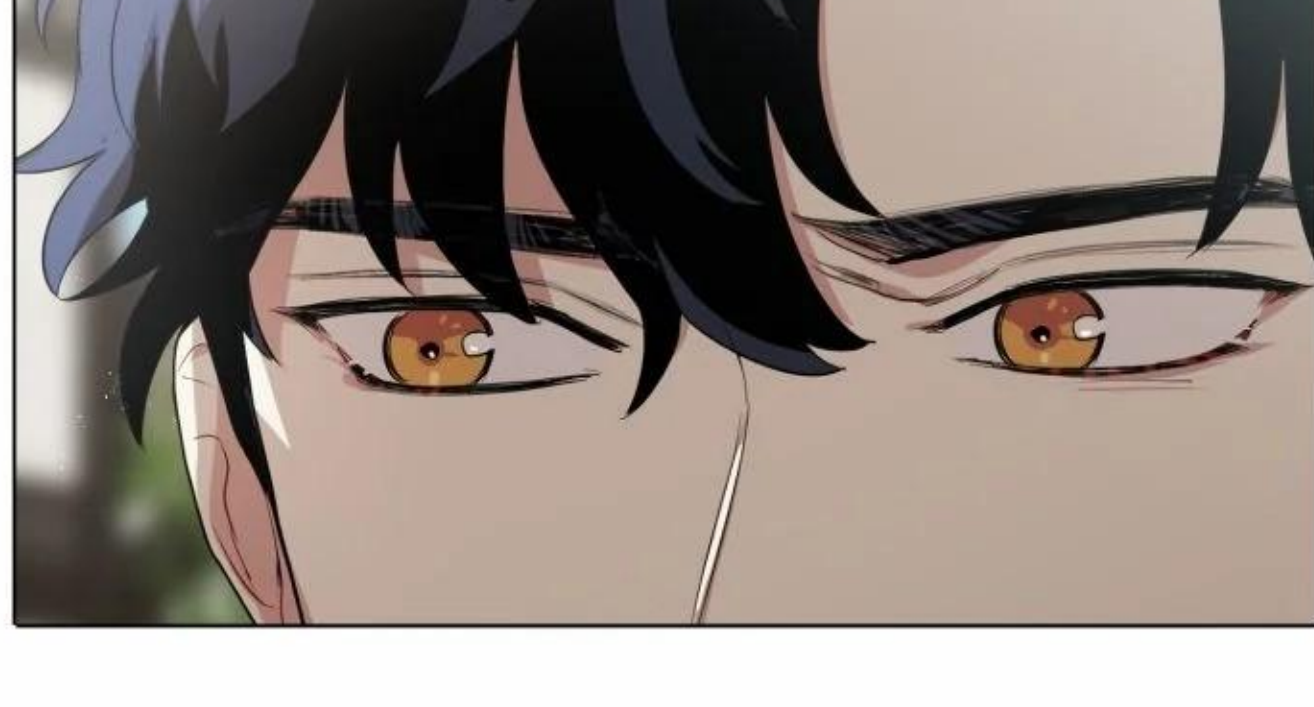
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WHO WOULD DARE...!



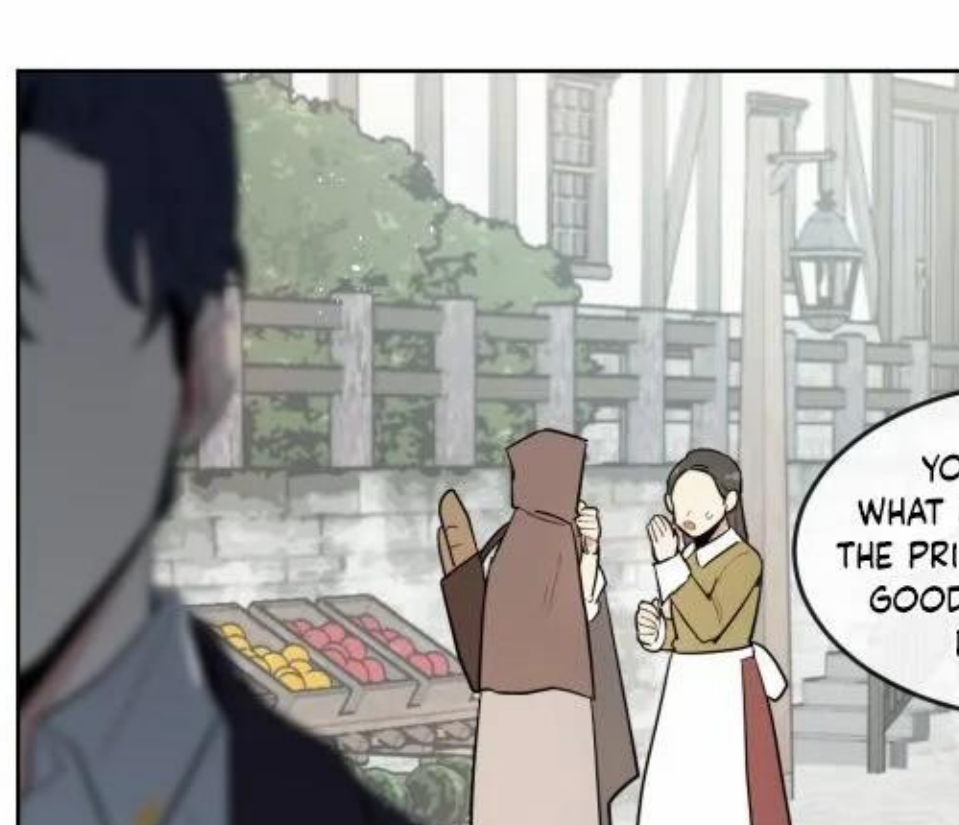
**SQUISH** !



WHAT THE. WAS THAT CRATE FILLED WITH DOLLS?



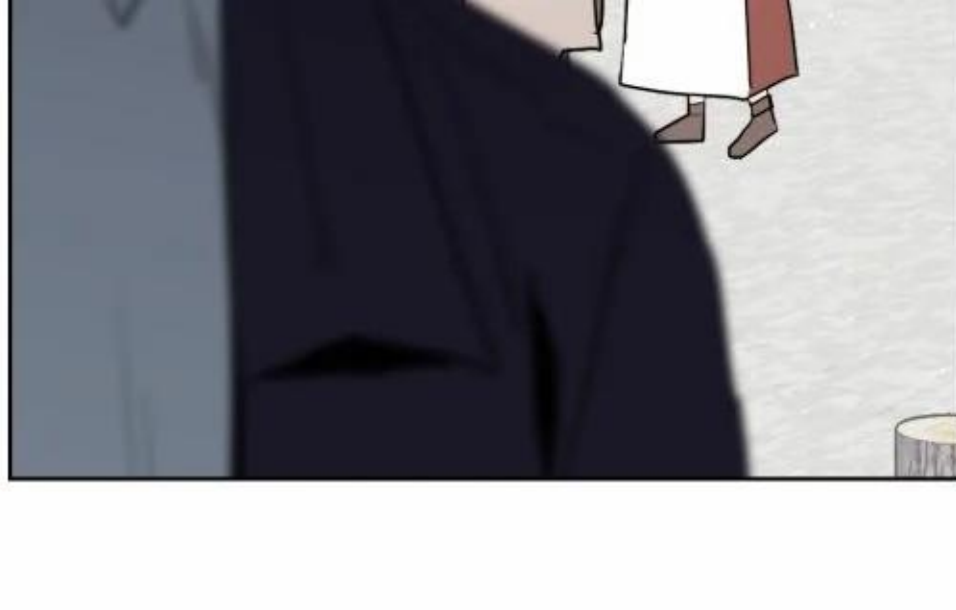
WHAT'S WITH THE FUSS SO EARLY IN THE MORNING?



WHISPER

YOU DIDN'T SEE WHAT JUST HAPPENED? THE PRINCE THREW THOSE GOODS AT A RANDOM PASSERBY...





MY PRINCE...



I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE BEFORE THE SITUATION ESCALATES ANY FURTHER.

OH.

PLEASE PASS ON MY GREETINGS TO THE DUKE. HE'LL PROBABLY KNOW THAT IT'S ME.

I WILL. OH RIGHT, WHAT WERE YOU ABOUT TO SAY EARLIER...?

LET'S SAVE THAT FOR ANOTHER DAY.

APART FROM THAT,

IF AN OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF AGAIN, WOULD YOU ACCOMPANY ME FOR ANOTHER STROLL?

...HOW SHOULD I ANSWER...

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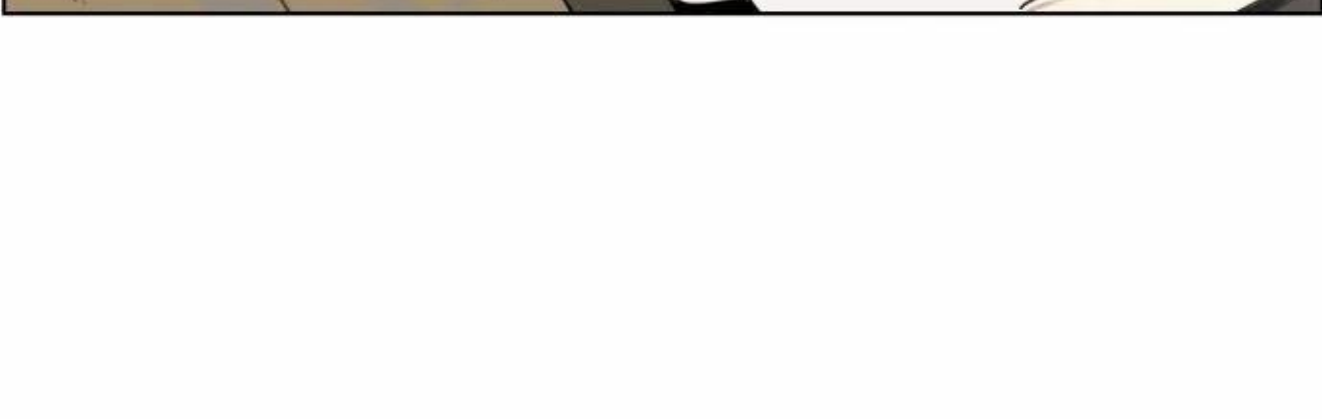
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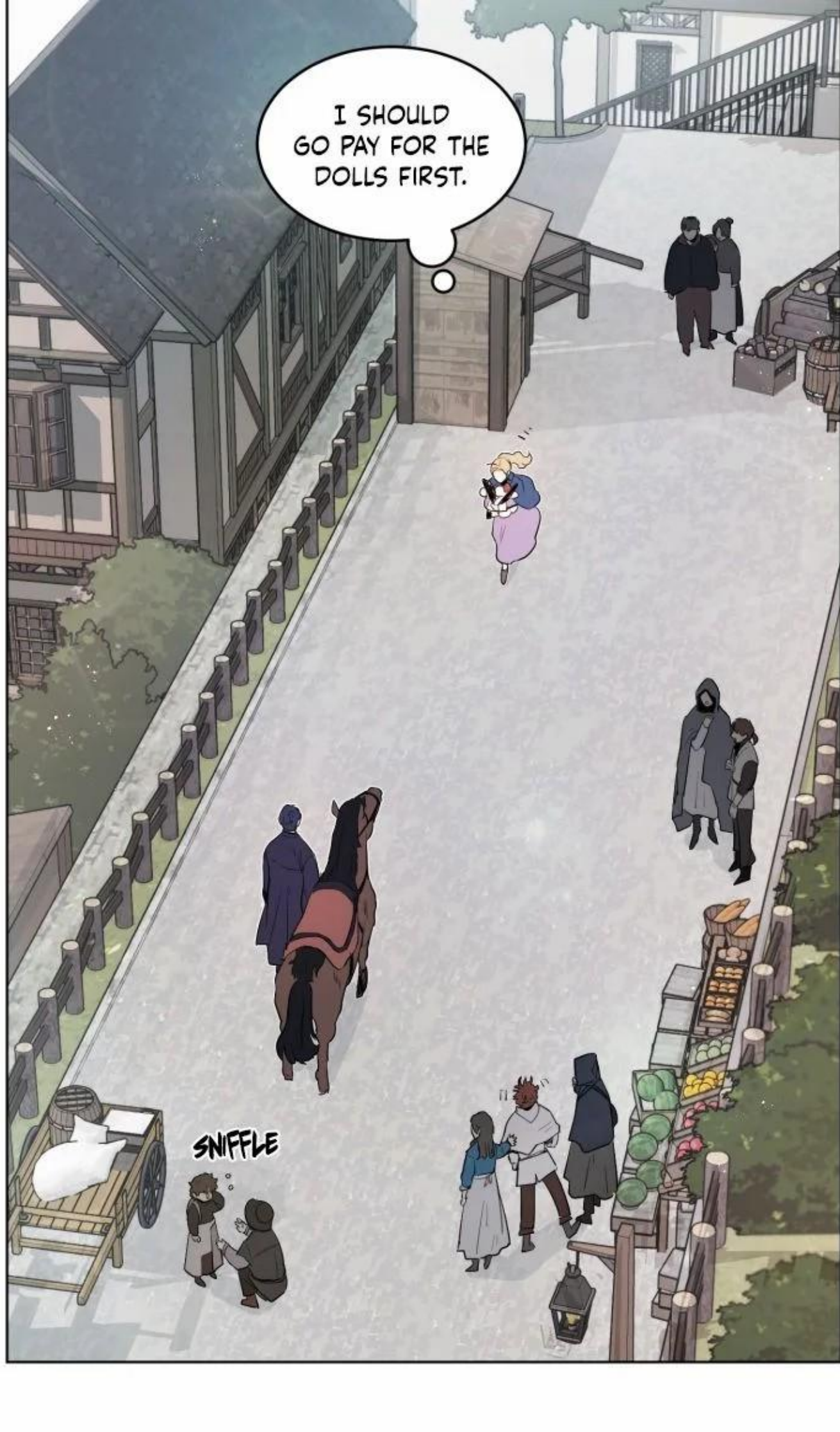
CLOP

AH, I COULDN'T GIVE HIM AN ANSWER...

I THOUGHT THINGS WOULD QUIET DOWN FOR AWHILE AFTER THE BANQUET, BUT...







WHISPER







ARE YOU  
ALRIGHT?

I'M SURE YOU JUST  
DIDN'T KNOW THAT THE  
CRATE WAS FILLED WITH MERCH,  
BUT STILL, PEOPLE MIGHT  
MISUNDERSTAND...

EVEN  
IF I KNEW, I  
STILL WOULD'VE  
THROWN IT.



!



SINCE I  
THOUGHT IT WAS  
A SITUATION WHERE  
I HAD TO.



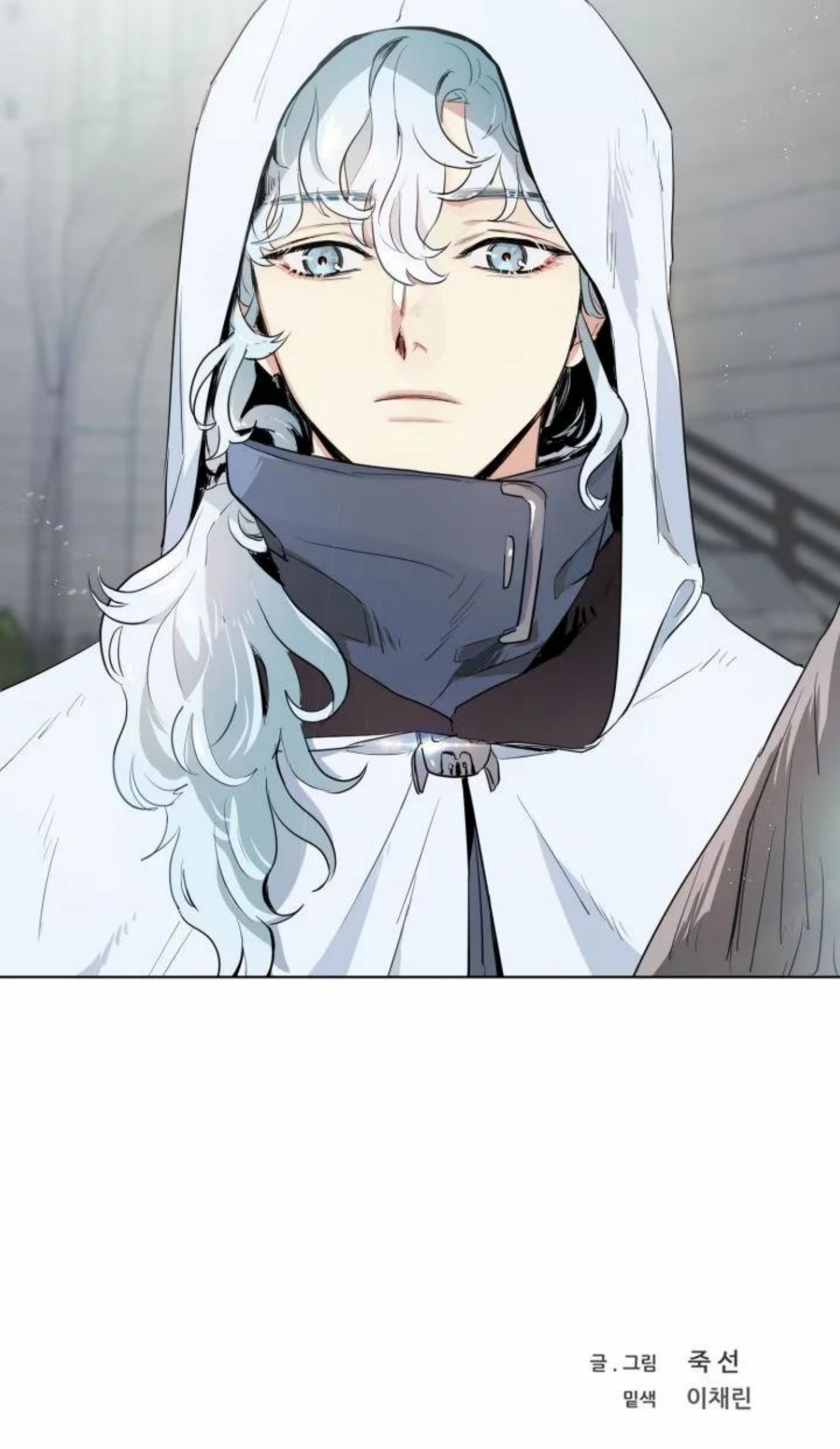
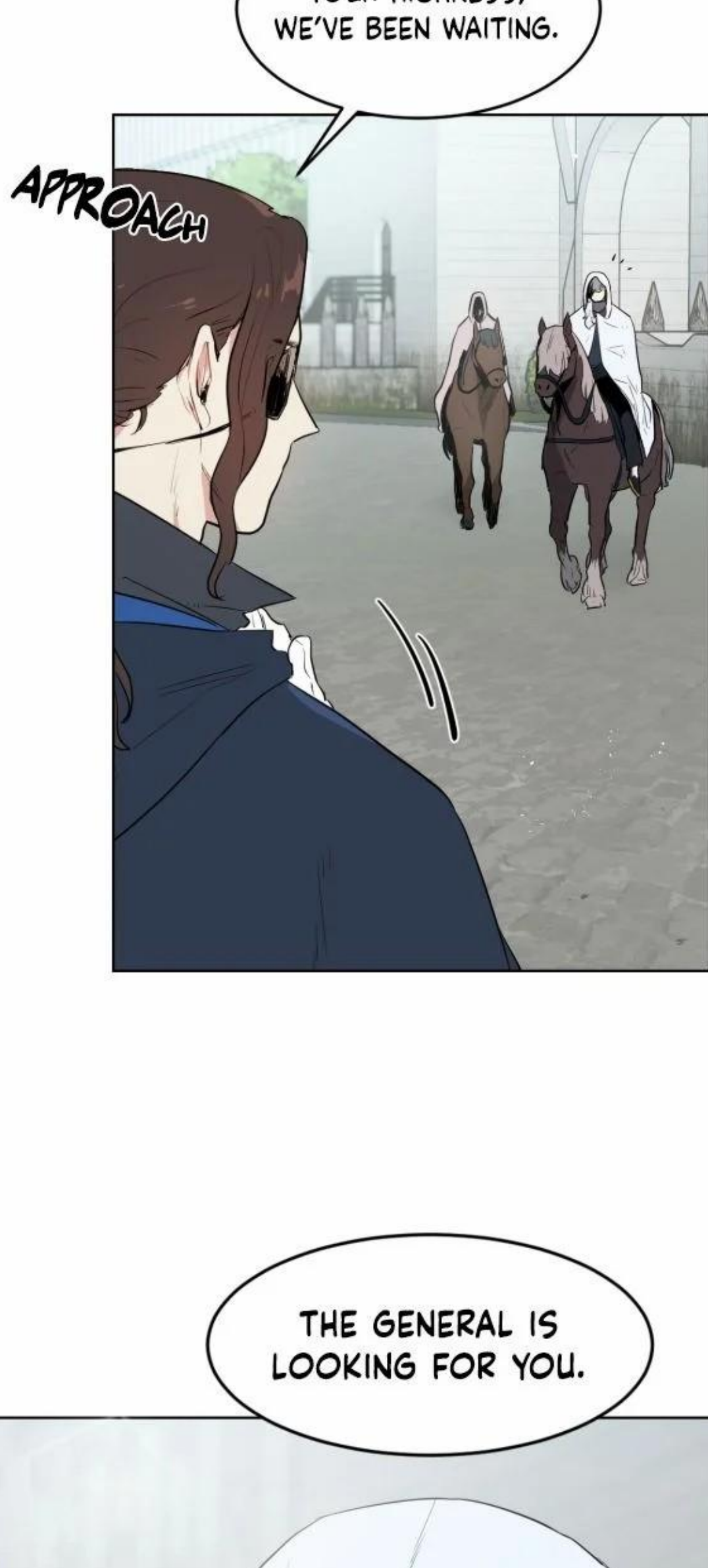
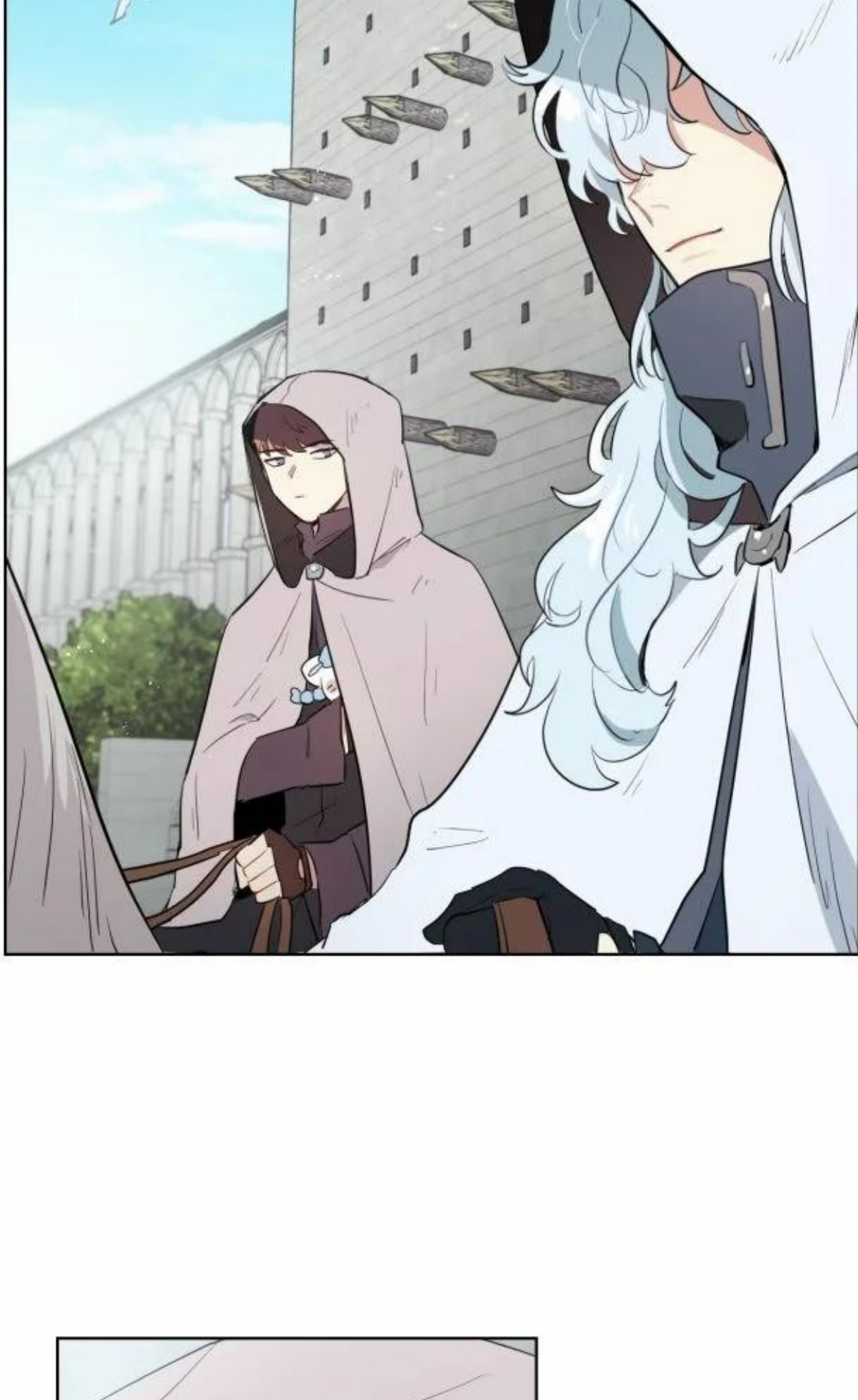
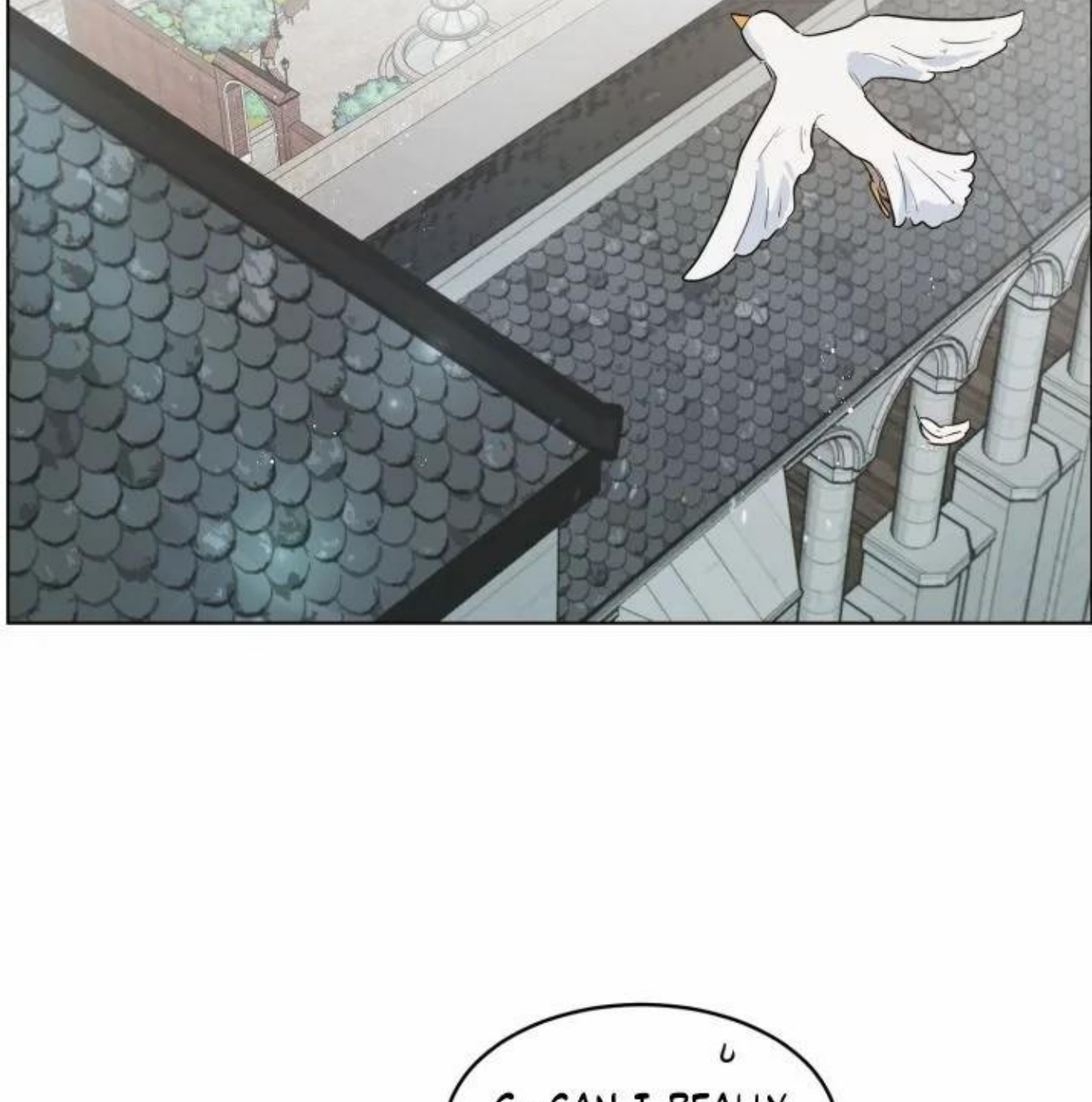
HAH...



LET'S HEAD  
BACK.

OKAY...





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WE'VE ARRIVED.  
I SHALL BE STANDING  
GUARD OUTSIDE.



GENERAL.



I HEARD YOU  
WERE LOOKING  
FOR ME...

**HALT**

FERDERIC, YOU'VE  
BEEN DOING WHATEVER YOU  
WANT NOWADAYS.



THOSE  
PEOPLE...

MY BEDROOM  
GUARDS?



I'D RATHER GUARD  
THE PRISONS UNDERGROUND.  
STANDING HERE DOING NOTHING  
LIKE THIS IS EXHAUSTING.

YOU'RE ASKING  
FOR TOO MUCH.

**SWISH**



WHY IS HE  
TREATING ME SO  
INFORMALLY

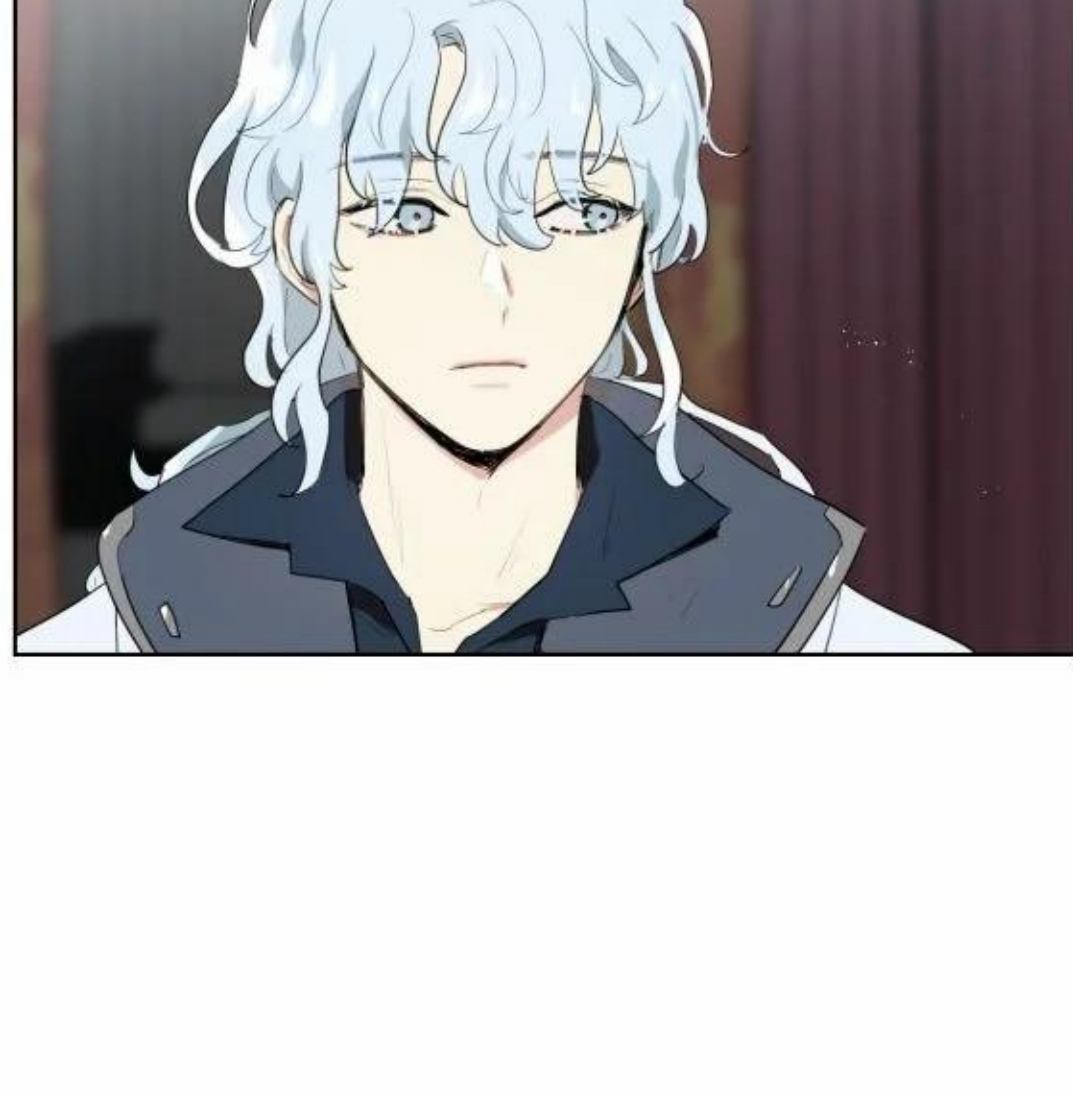
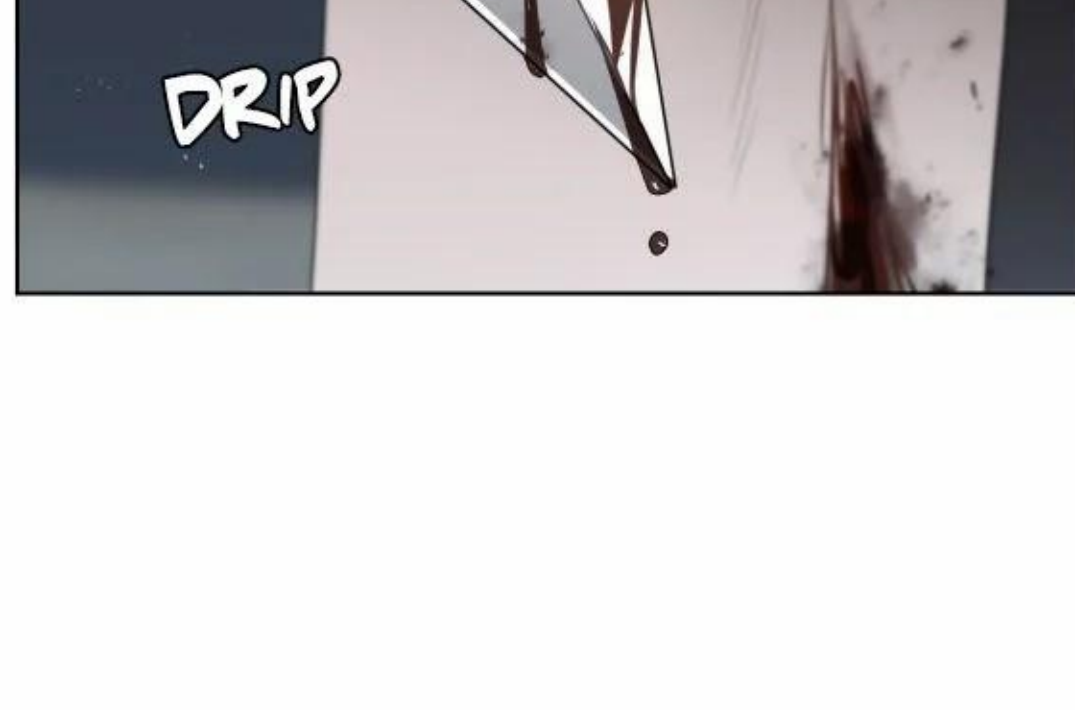
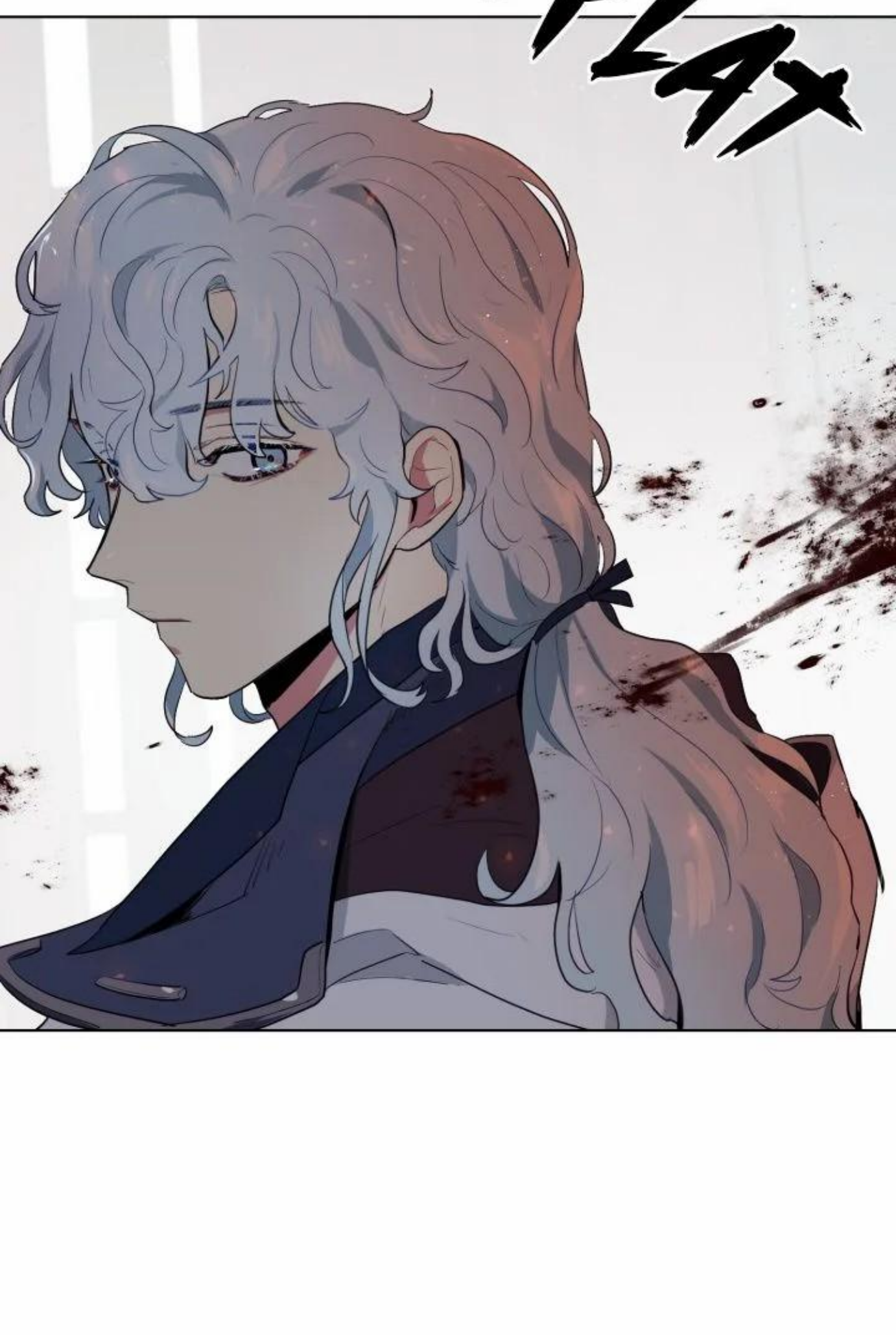
IN FRONT OF THESE  
KNIGHTS, WHEN HE'S THE  
ONE WHO VALUES MY  
IMAGE SO MUCH?













THERE'S A MEETING  
IN THE MORNING, SO CUT THE  
BULLSHIT AND GET READY.

PAT

PAT

WHAT IS  
THE MEETING  
ABOUT?



YOUR  
FIANCÉE,

GARNET  
OSLEY.



IT'S A MEETING  
ABOUT VESSTIA.



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IT SUCKS.

FLAP

REDO IT.

FLAP

WAIT...

NOW YOU'RE JUST  
REJECTING THEM WITHOUT  
EVEN LOOKING. AT LEAST  
READ A LITTLE BIT!

I READ IT.  
IT'S NOT MY FAULT  
THAT IT SUCKS.

DON'T SHOVE  
IT IN MY FACE.

DID SOMETHING  
HAPPEN BETWEEN  
THEM...?

THEY DO SEEM TO  
BE MUCH CLOSER SINCE  
THE BANQUET THOUGH.  
THANK GOODNESS.





RIGHT HERE... IS IT NECESSARY FOR YOU TO DESCRIBE THE PROTAGONIST'S DANCE WITH THE SCHWANDELL FAMILY?



YOU MEAN WITH THE CROWN PRINCE?

I THOUGHT THAT IF I ONLY WROTE ABOUT YOU, PEOPLE MIGHT SAY THAT THIS IS ALL FAKE.

I WAS ONLY GOING TO ADD A SHORT SNIPPET, BUT SHOULD I JUST CUT OUT THE STORY WITH THE OTHER FAMILY? OR MAYBE JUST A SIMPLE...

**-SERIOUS-**



HAH...

FLASH BACK



FLASH BACK



(RECALLING THE NIGHTMARE DURING THE BANQUET)



JUST REDO IT.

YOUR GRACE. ARE YOU GOING SOMEWHERE?



YES. DON'T FOLLOW ME.

...I THOUGHT THEY WERE CLOSE?

**SHUT**

BLINK



IN SHOCK FROM BEING REJECTED FOR THE NTH TIME

WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO TAKE A LOOK? YOU CAN'T JUST KEEP REWRITING IT...

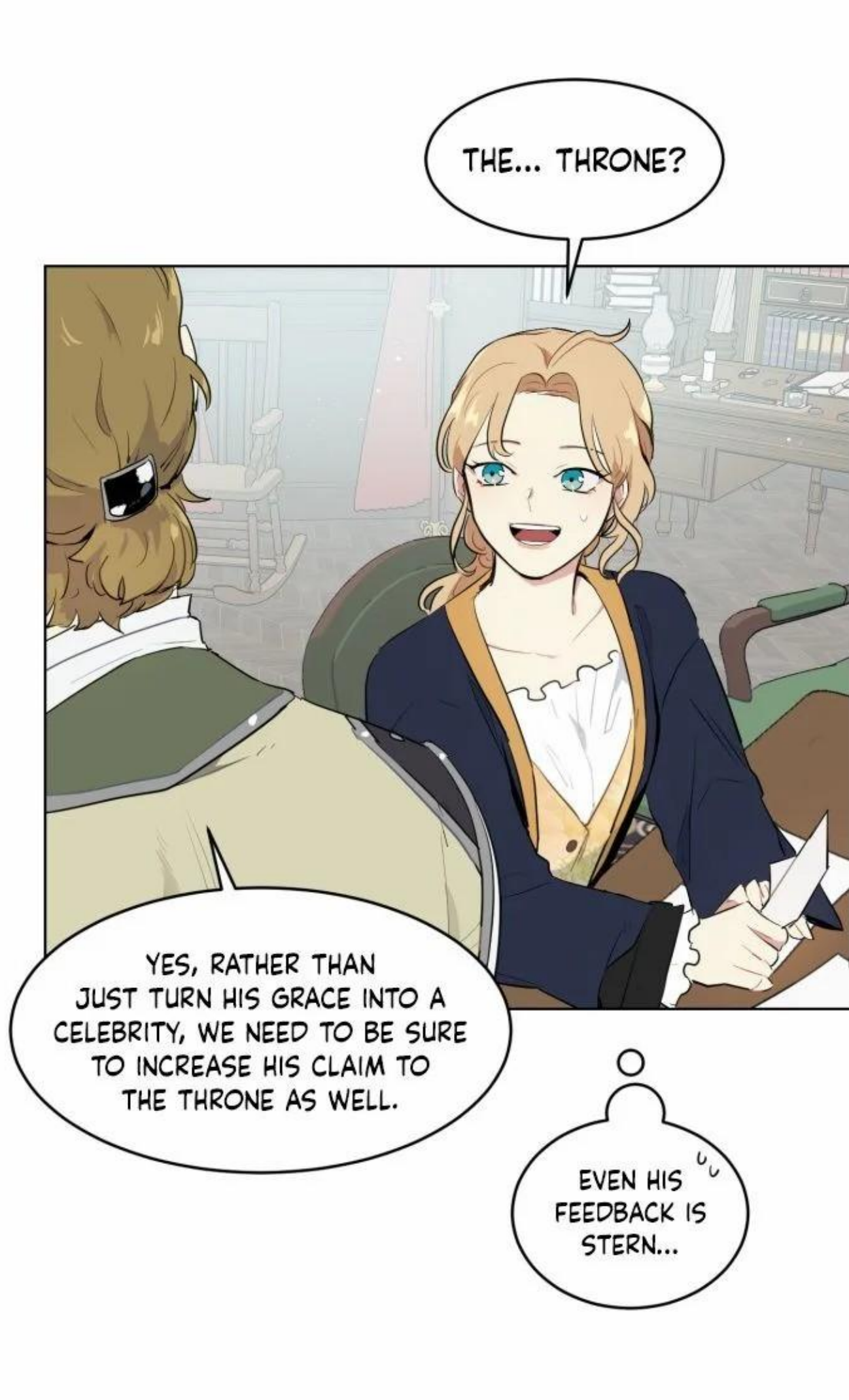


WILL YOU?

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT I HAD TO CONTINUE USING MY WRITING STYLE FROM WHEN I WAS YOUNG, SO IT'S NOT VERY GOOD.

WRITING THINGS LIKE "PRINCE OPPAR" ...







HIS GRACE USED  
TO HAVE HIS HEART  
SET ON BECOMING  
THE EMPEROR.



AS A COMMONER,  
I WAS ABLE TO CLIMB MY  
WAY UP AND JOINED THE  
IMPERIAL KNIGHTS.



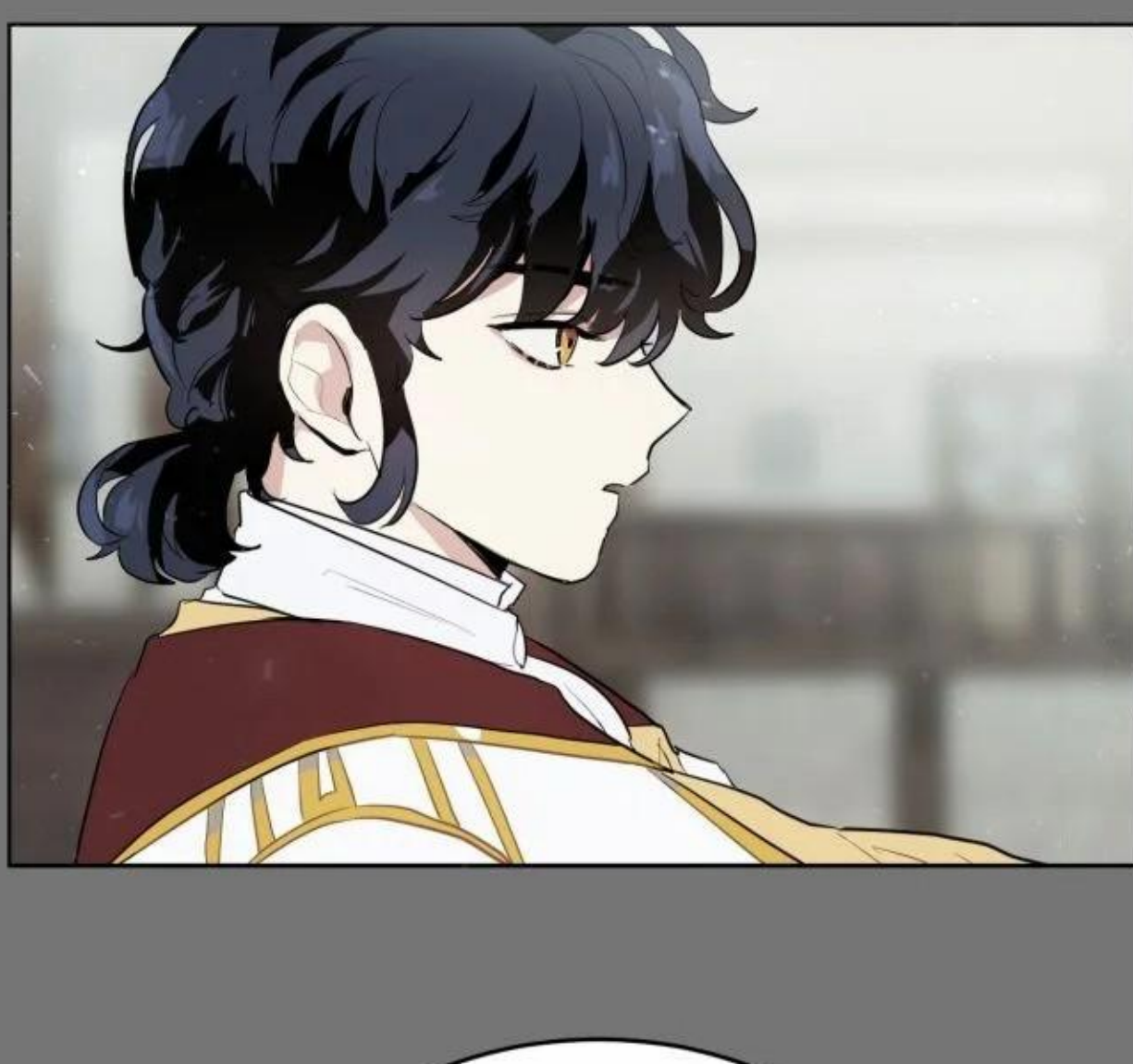
HOWEVER,  
NO MATTER HOW HARD  
I WORKED, PEOPLE CALLED ME  
A DIRTY STREET RAT, A DISGRACE  
TO THE KNIGHTS. NO ONE EVER  
ACKNOWLEDGED ME.



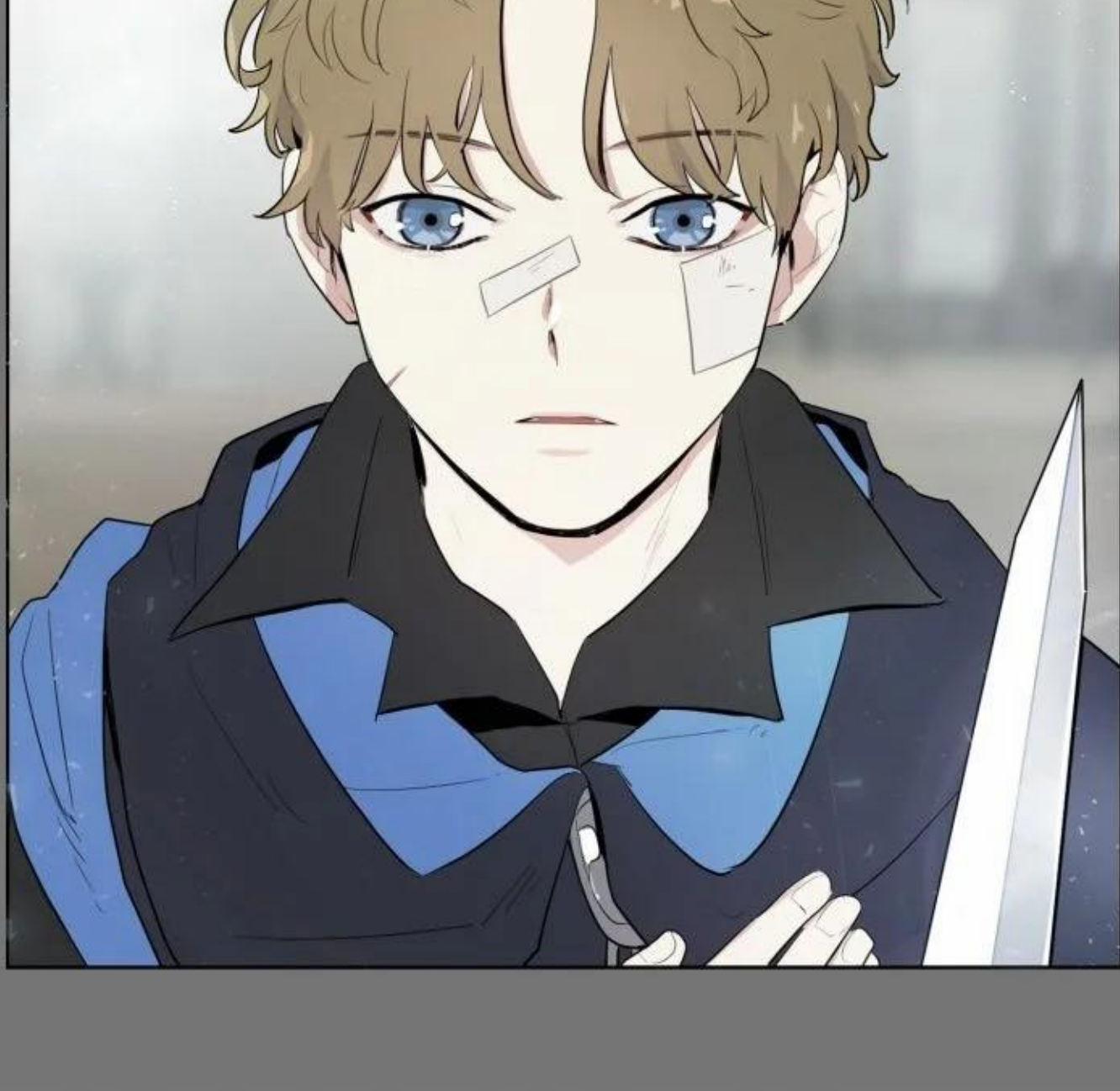
DESPITE THAT, HIS  
GRACE PERSONALLY CHOSE  
ME TO BE HIS GUARD. THEN  
IN FRONT OF THE OTHER  
KNIGHTS, HE TOLD ME







TO KEEP MY SHOULDERS STRAIGHT, FOR I WAS NOW A KNIGHT OF THE ONE WHO WOULD BECOME THE NEXT EMPEROR.



THE SITUATION HAS CHANGED A LOT SINCE THEN,

BUT I'D LIKE FOR OTHERS TO SEE THAT SIDE OF HIM TOO.

A MAN WHO'S CONFIDENT IN HIS POSITION AND DOESN'T HIDE BEHIND HIS ROBE.

I'M HOPING THAT YOU CAN EXPRESS THAT FOR US IN YOUR WRITING.



AH...

I DIDN'T KNOW THAT SIR MANO WAS A COMMONER.

HE SEEMED SO PERFECT THAT I WAS SURE HE WAS A NOBLEMAN FROM BIRTH.



SO HE'S THE TYPE OF PERSON TO WORK SUPER HARD...



BOTH OF THEM ARE AMAZING.





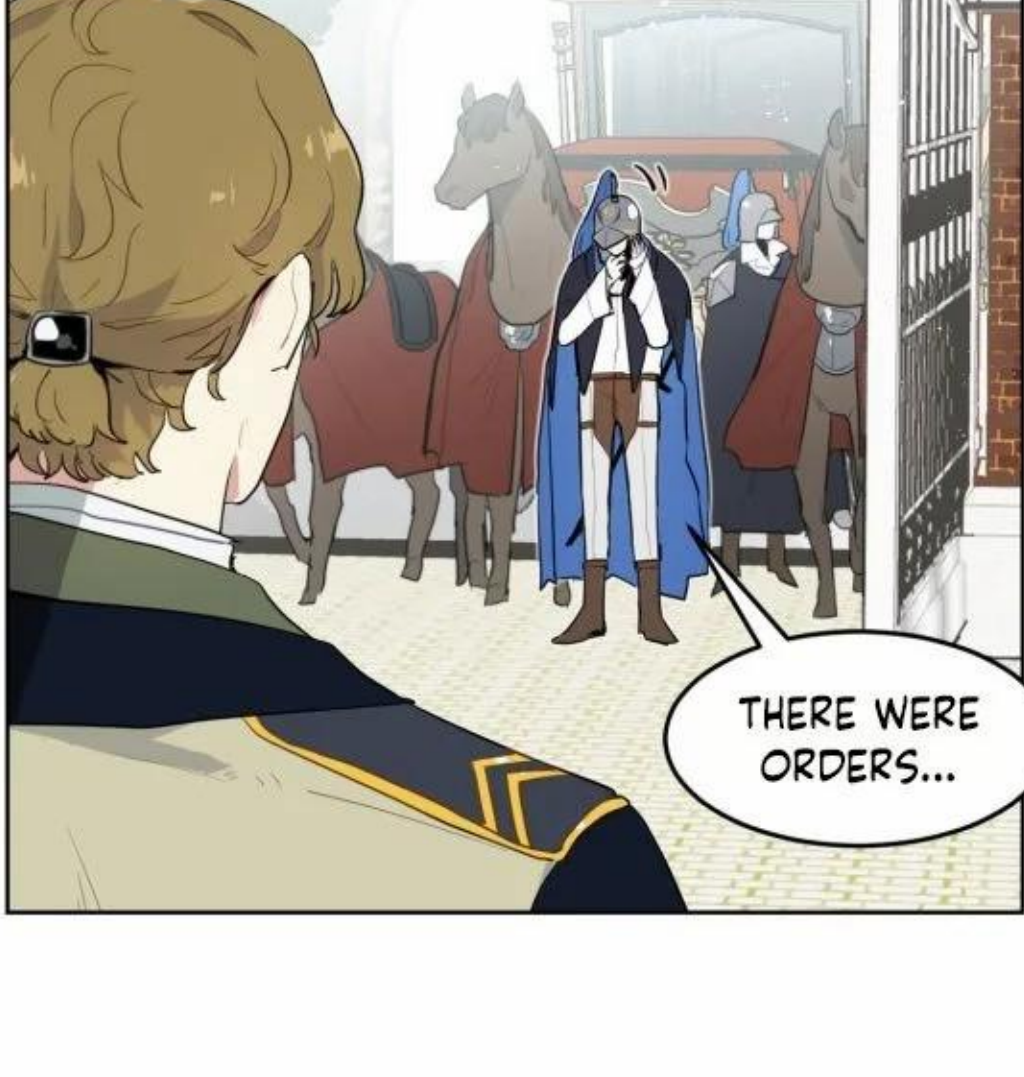




TAP

WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT?

IS IT APPROPRIATE FOR THE IMPERIAL FAMILY TO SUDDENLY DROP BY WITHOUT WARNING, DRAGGING A CARRIAGE ALONG?



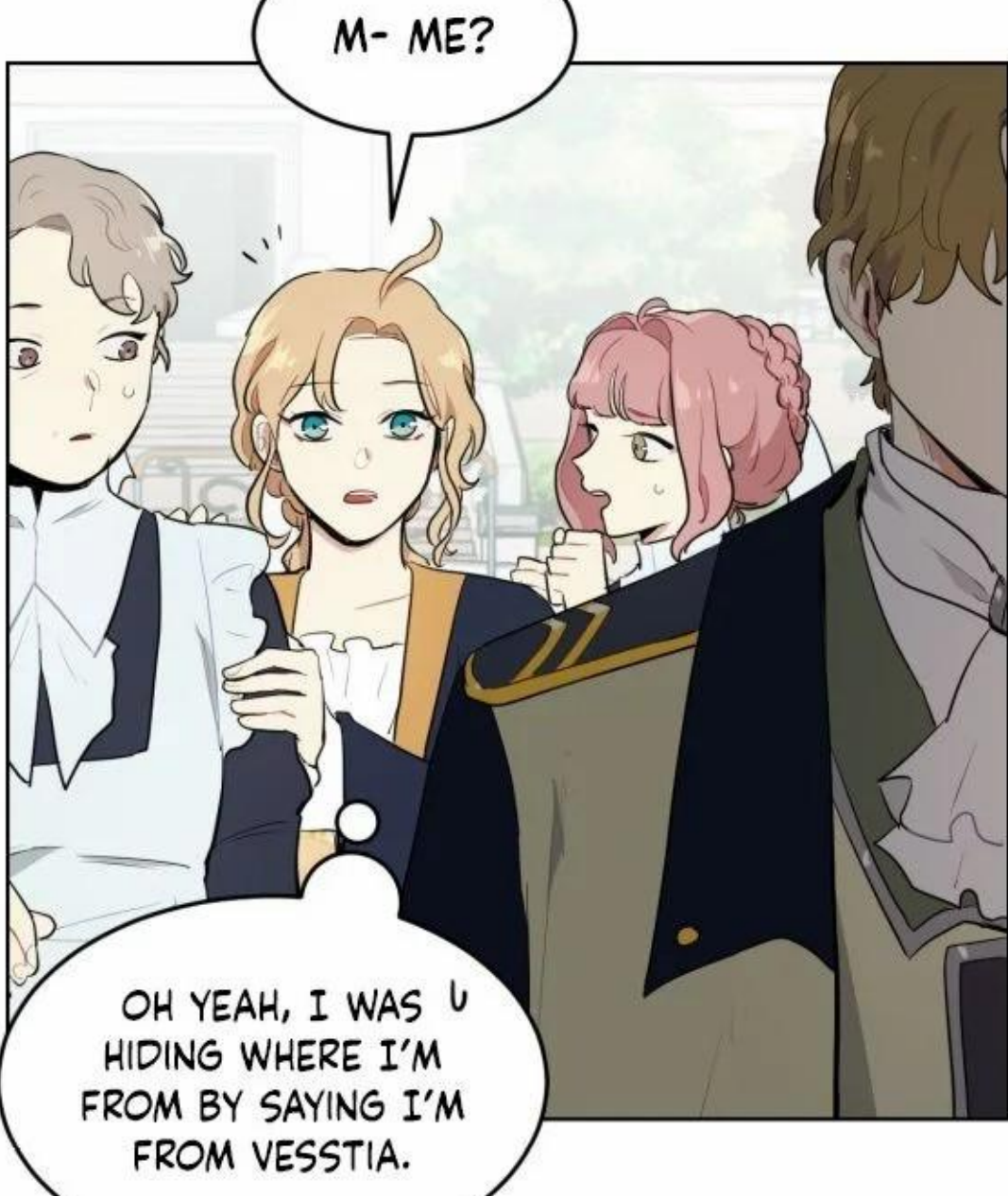
THERE WERE ORDERS...

THIS IS AN ORDER TO BRING THE VESSTIAN SCHOLAR AT DUKE RAYBURN ESPELINDO'S MANSION TO THE IMPERIAL ESTATE.



I ASK FOR YOUR COOPERATION, AS THIS ORDER WAS GIVEN AT THE END OF THE LAST MEETING.

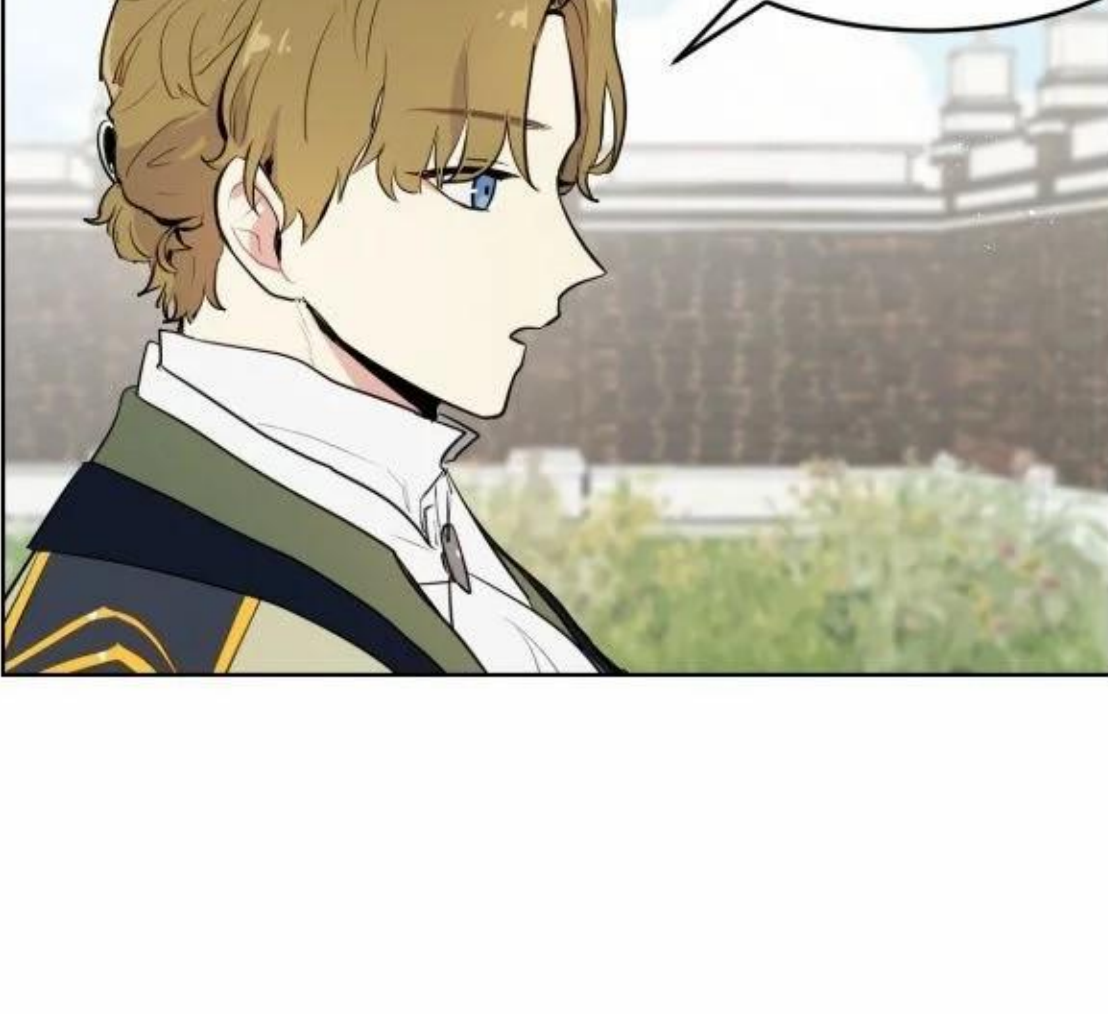
M- ME?



OH YEAH, I WAS HIDING WHERE I'M FROM BY SAYING I'M FROM VESSTIA.

I DO NOT KNOW OF THE MEETING YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT,

BUT HIS GRACE IS NOT HERE AT THE MOMENT.



REGARDLESS OF WHOSE ORDERS THEY ARE, PLEASE COME BACK WHEN HE HAS RETURNED, SIR THEREODE.







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IT'S NOT  
HERE...!

CLOSE



IT'S REALLY  
GONE!



WHAT...? WHY  
WAS I CALLED TO THE  
PALACE AGAIN?

PRETENDING  
TO BE BUSY.



WHAT IN  
THE WORLD IS  
GOING ON?

GLANCE



...EVERYONE  
ELSE SEEMS TO  
BE HIGH RANKING,  
AT THAT.

IF I'M NOT  
CAREFUL, THEY'LL  
FIND OUT I'M NOT  
A SCHOLAR.









R- RIGHT, OF COURSE THE CROWN PRINCE WOULD COME TOO...



ALLOW ME TO BRIEFLY EXPLAIN THE SITUATION.

AS YOU ALL KNOW, OUR LUDEXT EMPIRE IS IN A WAR WITH THE KINGDOM OF TALAN, WHICH IS ACROSS THE OCEAN.



*vesstia*

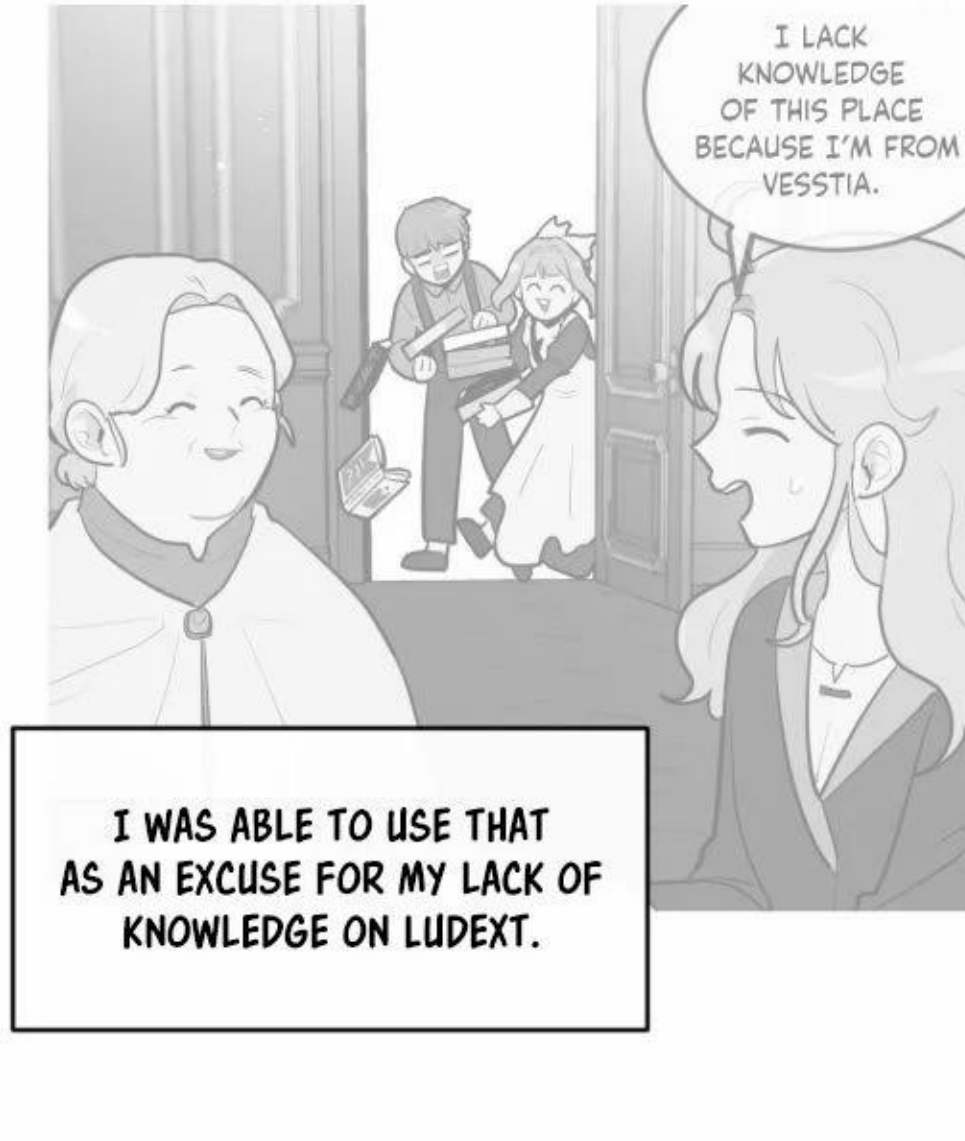
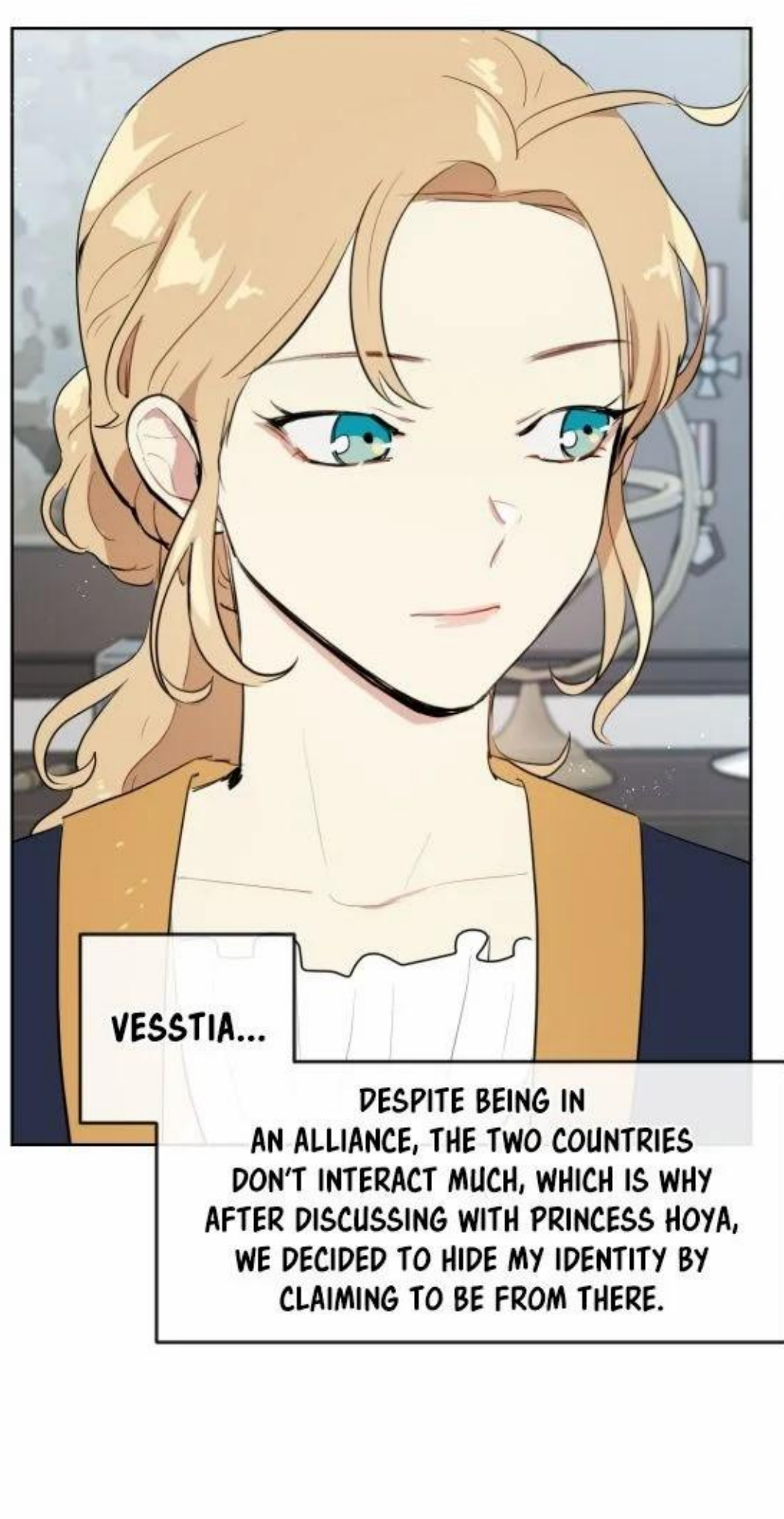


IF WE DIRECTLY ASK PRINCESS GARNET, A MEMBER OF THE VESSTIA ROYAL FAMILY,

IT MAY SEEM LIKE WE ARE SUSPECTING AND QUESTIONING OUR ALLY.

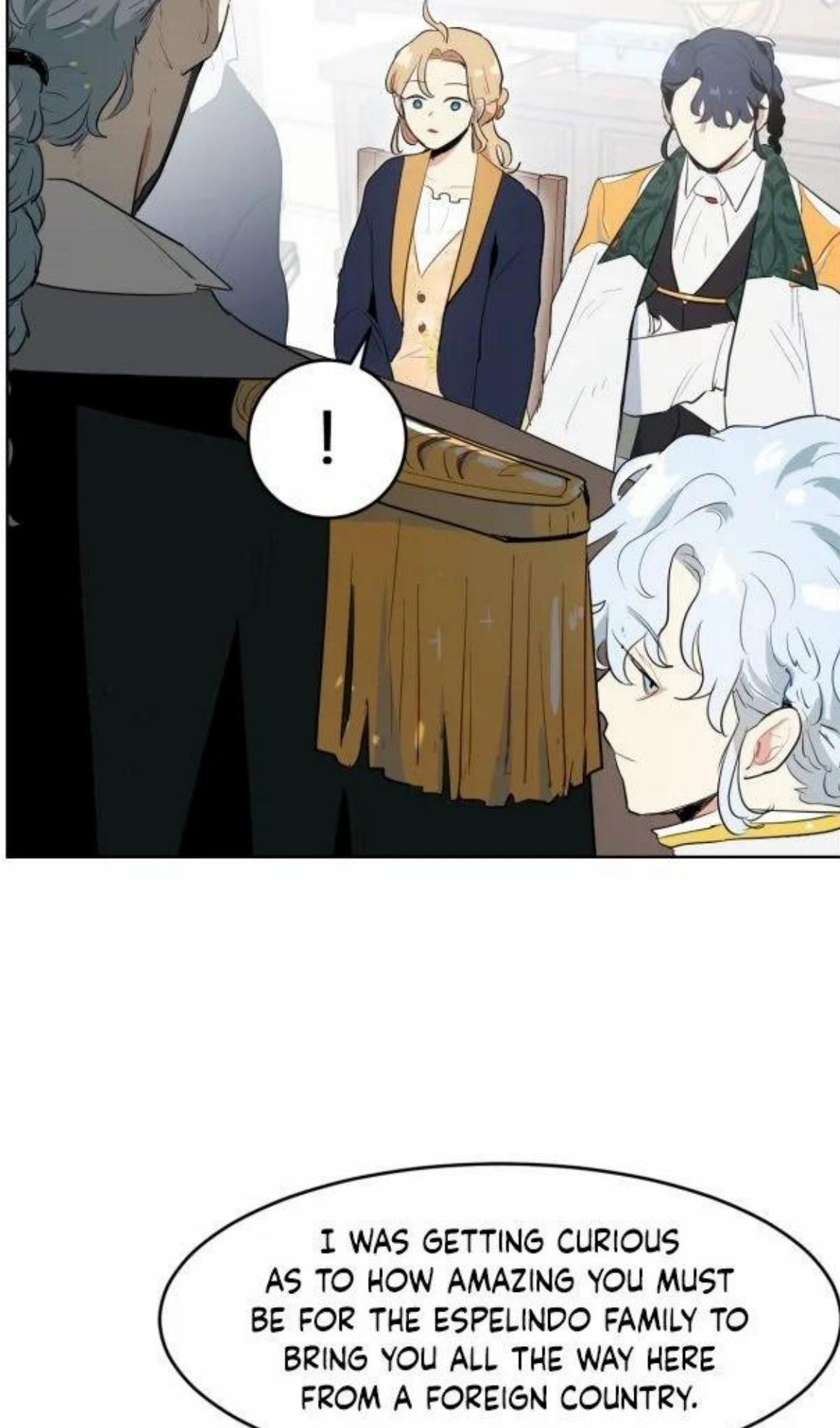
SO WE PLAN ON DECIPHERING THE CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT BEFORE SHOWING IT TO THE PRINCESS.







WE'RE EXPECTING GREAT THINGS FROM THE ESPELINDO FAMILY'S SCHOLAR, WHO COMES FROM VESTIA.



I WAS GETTING CURIOUS AS TO HOW AMAZING YOU MUST BE FOR THE ESPELINDO FAMILY TO BRING YOU ALL THE WAY HERE FROM A FOREIGN COUNTRY.



YOU MUST HAVE BEEN A HUGE HELP TO THE FAMILY AFTER COMING OVER.

I WILL DO MY BEST TO BE OF HELP IN THIS MATTER.



HM... AN INCIDENT REGARDING VESTIA BREAKING OUT AS SOON AS A SCHOLAR FROM VESTIA APPEARS.

WHAT A COINCIDENCE.

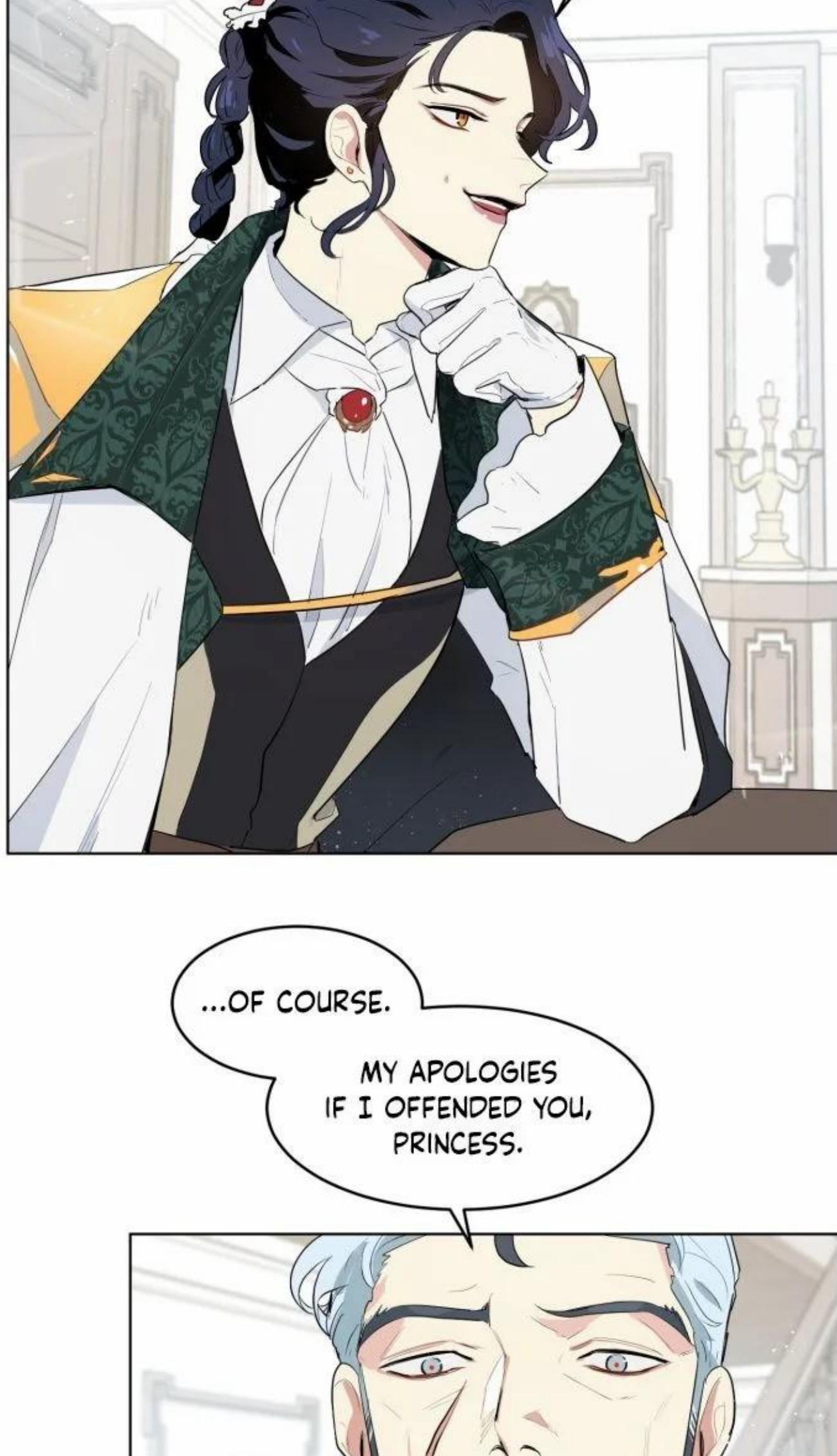


YOU SURE LIKE TO WORRY YOURSELF FOR NO REASON, GENERAL.



ANYWAY, DON'T WORRY, GENERAL.

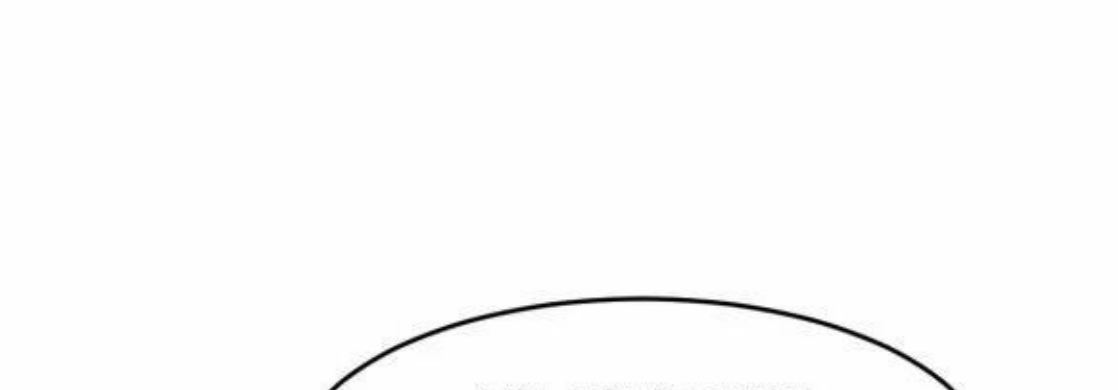
OUR FAMILY DOESN'T LET JUST ANYONE IN.



...OF COURSE.

MY APOLOGIES IF I OFFENDED YOU, PRINCESS.

I SEE THE ESPELINDO FAMILY IS AS BOLD AS ALWAYS.



IT'S GREAT THAT YOU SEEM A LOT BOLDER THAN BEFORE, GENERAL.

CHATTER

REMINDS ME OF THE PAST.



PRINCESS.

THEY'RE ALL SUCH GOOD PEOPLE.

IF I WORK AS HARD AS SIR MANO DOES, WILL I BE ABLE TO HELP THEM?





CHATTER

HOW  
COCKY...

SQUEEZE

...COUGH!

AH, I'M SORRY.

THE COFFEE  
SURE IS BITTER,  
MISS SCHOLAR.

HUH? YES,  
HAHA...

DID HE JUST  
COPY ME??

ALL OF A  
SUDDEN?

...FINISH THE  
EXPLANATION.

AH, YES.

WHICH IS WHY, THE  
SCHOLARS HERE

WILL WORK FOR  
FIVE DAYS IN THE  
MAIN PALACE...

...SO YOU'RE SAYING  
HOYA TOOK HER?

TO THE CENTRAL  
PALACE.





YES. SHE  
CAME WITH SIR  
THEREODE.



IT LOOKS LIKE I  
CAME BACK TOO LATE.  
GOOD WORK TAKING CARE  
OF THINGS IN MY PLACE.

IT WAS  
NOTHING. MORE  
IMPORTANTLY...

I'M GOING  
TO SLEEP, SO  
YOU CAN GO.



...? AH,  
ALRIGHT.

(AWKWARD)

HE'S SO  
INDIFFERENT... ISN'T  
HE WORRIED ABOUT  
MISS ANGELA...?

PLEASE HAVE  
A NICE REST.

CLOSE



GLANCE

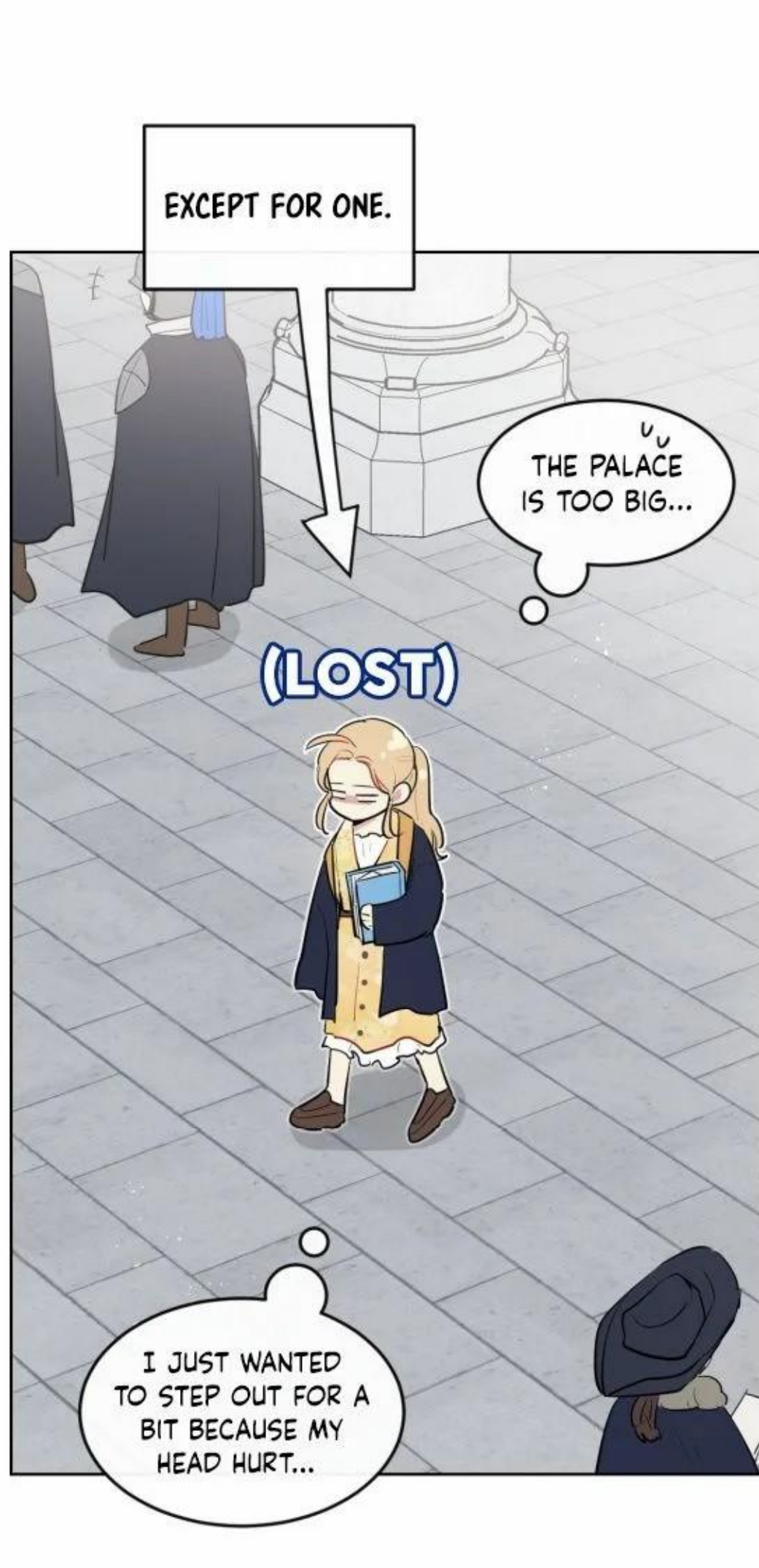
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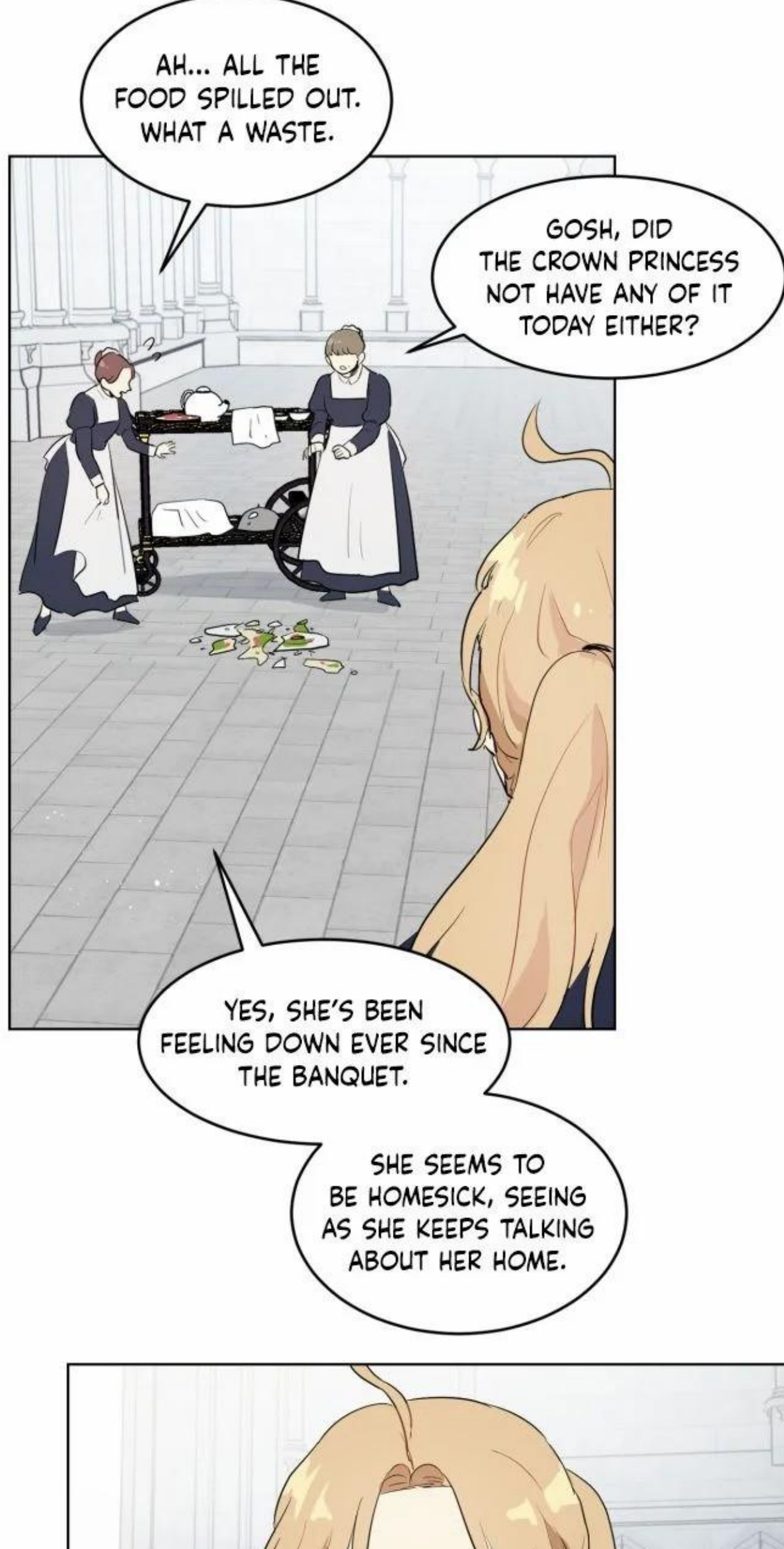
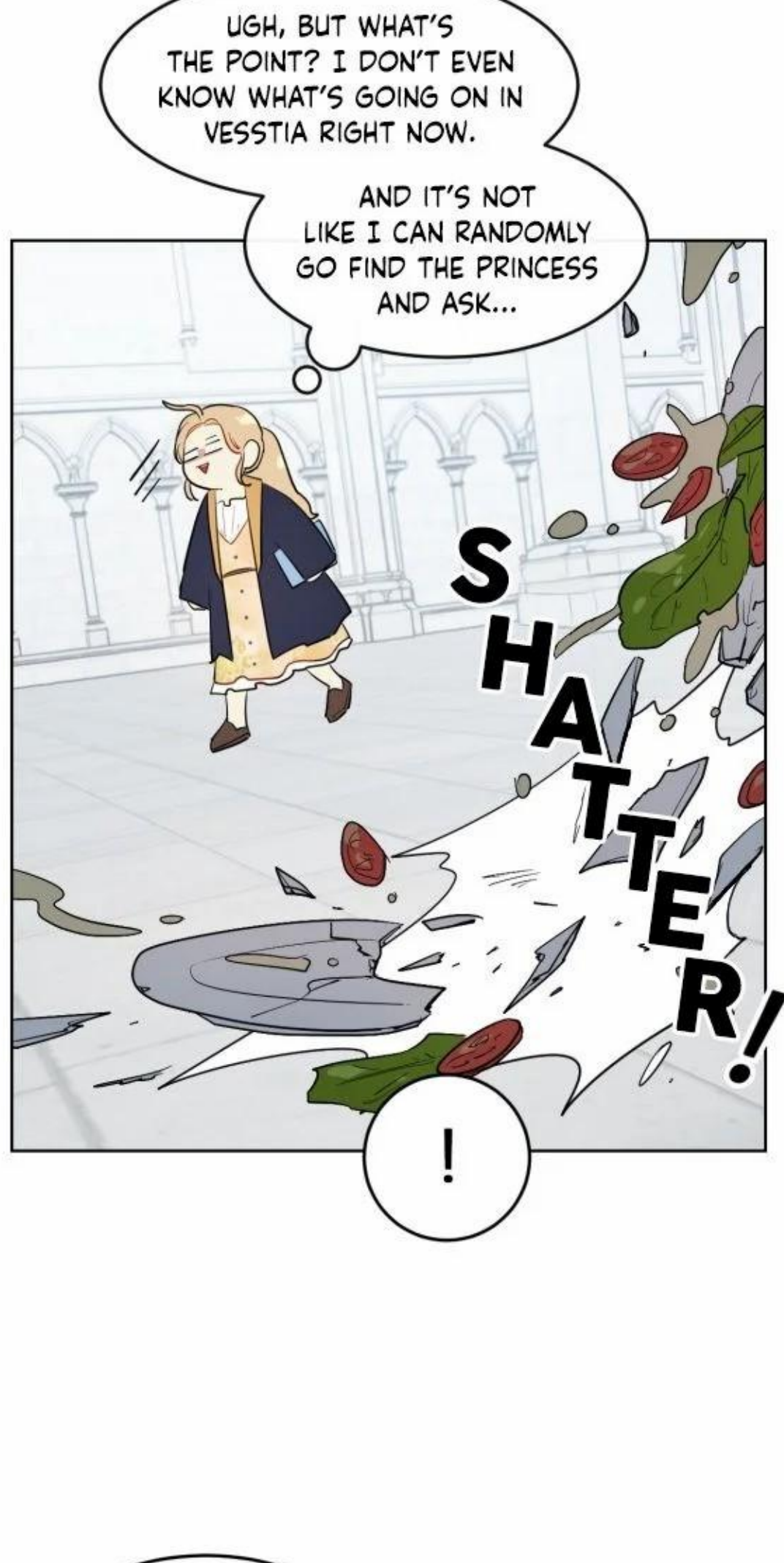
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KNOCK

MY DUKE.





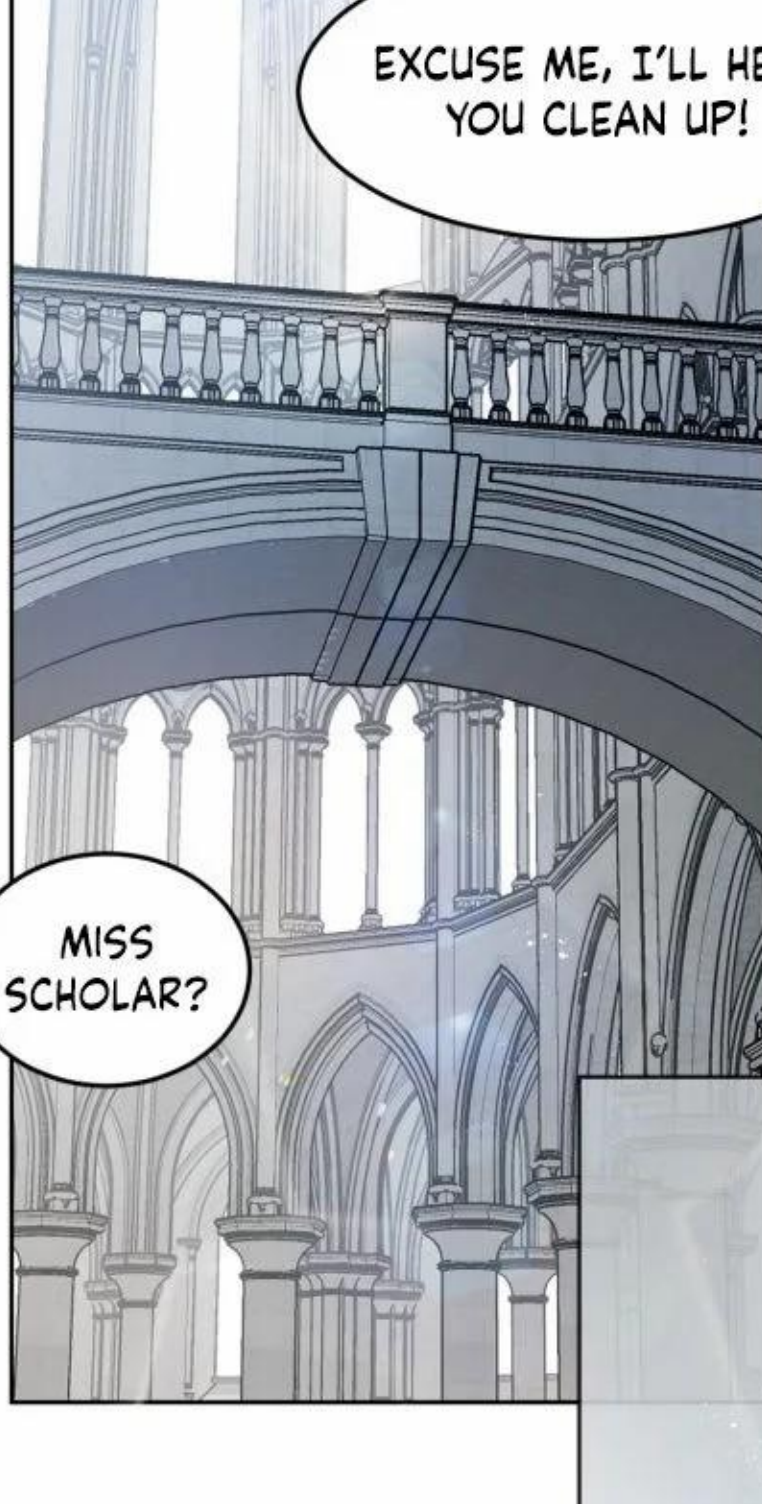








VESSTIA!



EXCUSE ME, I'LL HELP YOU CLEAN UP!

MISS SCHOLAR?



YOU KNOW THAT YOUNG SCHOLAR?

SHE'S REALLY GOOD AT LISTENING TO OTHERS.

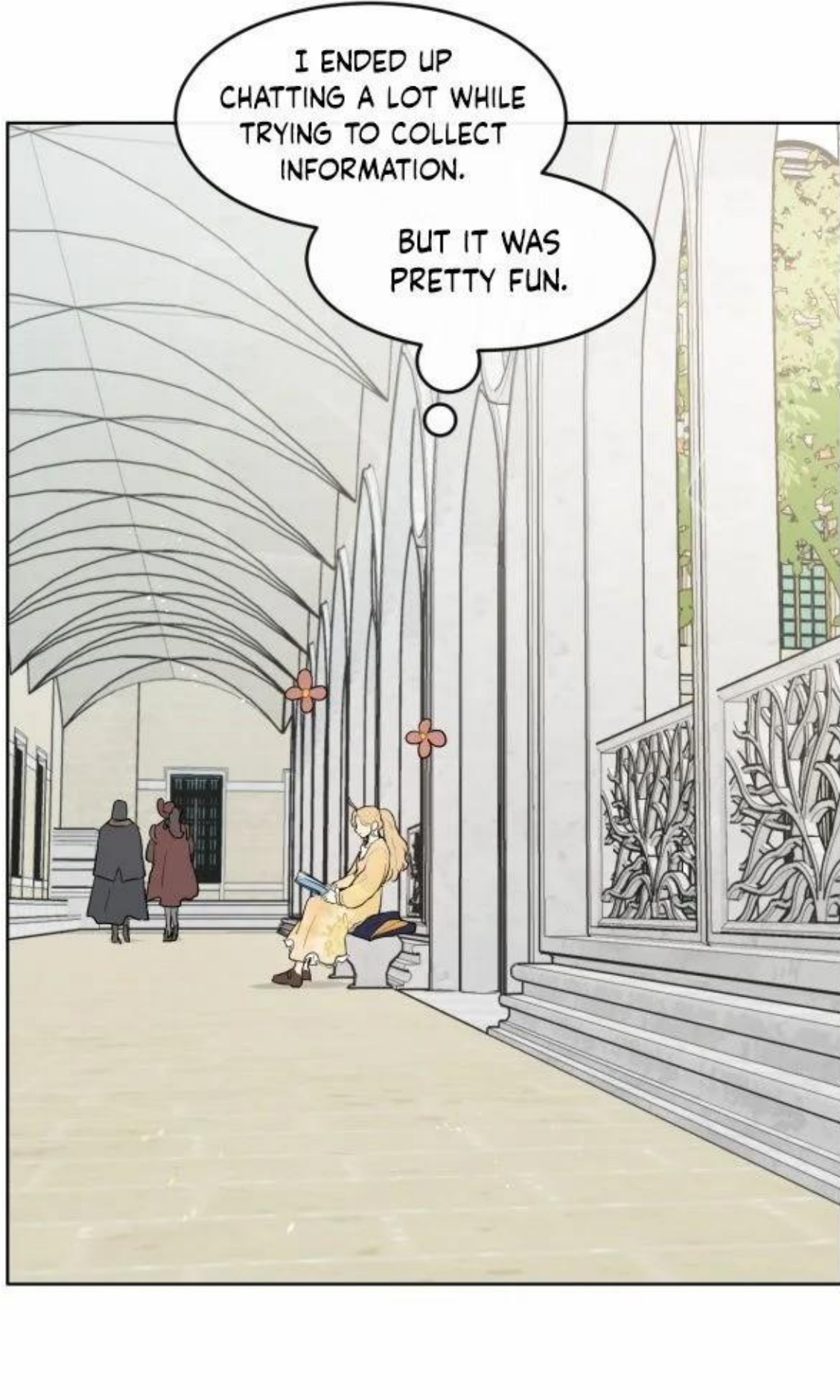


AH, I TALKED TO HER EARLIER AS WELL.

BEFORE I REALIZED IT, I WAS ASKING HER FOR ADVICE!

I EVEN FORGOT FOR A MOMENT THAT SHE WAS FROM THE ESPELINDO FAMILY.

I'M SURE SHE MUST BE A HIGH RANKING NOBLE, BUT SHE FEELS MORE LIKE A NEIGHBORHOOD FRIEND.



I ENDED UP CHATTING A LOT WHILE TRYING TO COLLECT INFORMATION.

BUT IT WAS PRETTY FUN.



MORE IMPORTANTLY, THERE'S NO ONE FROM VESSTIA I CAN TALK TO, SO I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO RELY ON RUMORS.

People from Vesstia:

→ Princess, nanny, ..

→ People close to them?

2. Situation in Vesstia

→ she talks a lot about Vesstia

→ Lonely?



EVEN IF I CAN'T TALK ABOUT THE SECRET CODE, IT'D BE NICE IF I COULD DIRECTLY ASK THE PRINCESS ABOUT VESSTIA'S CURRENT SITUATION.

~LISTLESS~

SINCE I CAN'T... I SHOULD GET SOMEONE CLOSE TO HER AT LEAST...

COVER

SO, DO YOU HAVE A PLAN?

MISS SCHOLAR.

!   
 *YOUR HIGHNESS?!*

IT'S ACTUALLY QUITE RIDICULOUS, ISN'T IT? DECIPHERING A FOREIGN COUNTRY'S SECRET CODE IN JUST FIVE DAYS?

OR RATHER, I'M SORRY FOR SUDDENLY CALLING YOU TO THE PALACE.

I'M THE ONE WHO RECOMMENDED YOU FOR THIS TASK. I ASKED FOR YOU TO BE BROUGHT HERE.

SMILE

SMILE

AH... I SEE WHY THE PRINCESS COULDN'T REFUSE NOW.

BUT WHY ARE YOU HERE? DID YOU GET LOST, BY ANY CHANCE?

GOSH, NO. I JUST STEPPED OUT BECAUSE I HAD A HEADACHE...

BUT THE LIBRARY WHERE THE SCHOLARS ARE GATHERED IS QUITE FAR FROM HERE...

(FLINCH)

I WAS JUST ABOUT TO GO HUNT AT A MOUNTAIN NEARBY. WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO ON A WALK THERE TOGETHER?

THE AIR UP THERE IS QUITE FRESH.

CROWD CROWD





I- IT'S ALRIGHT!

**REFUSAL**

I WAS ABOUT TO RETURN TO THE LIBRARY TO ORGANIZE ALL OF THIS INFORMATION.



AH... INFORMATION...

WERE YOU ABLE TO GATHER A LOT?



I HEARD YOU WERE DOING RESEARCH BY TALKING WITH THE PEOPLE HERE RATHER THAN BY SEARCHING THROUGH BOOKS.

AH, COME TO THINK OF IT...

BLINK

BLINK

THIS IS...

THE PERSON WHO'S CLOSEST TO THE VESSTIAN PRINCESS.

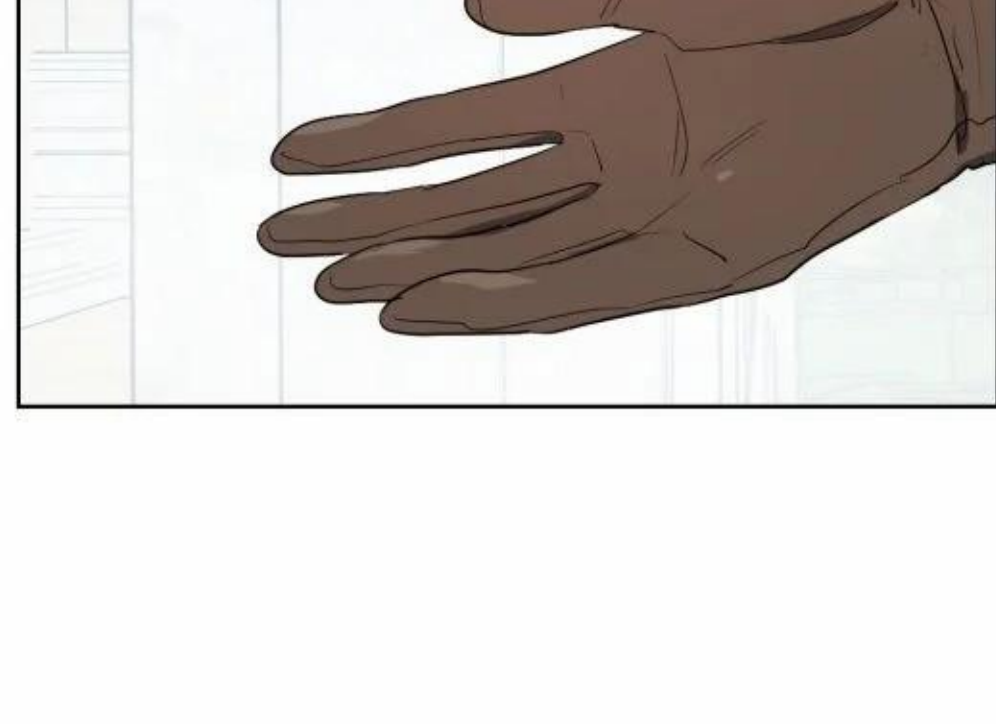
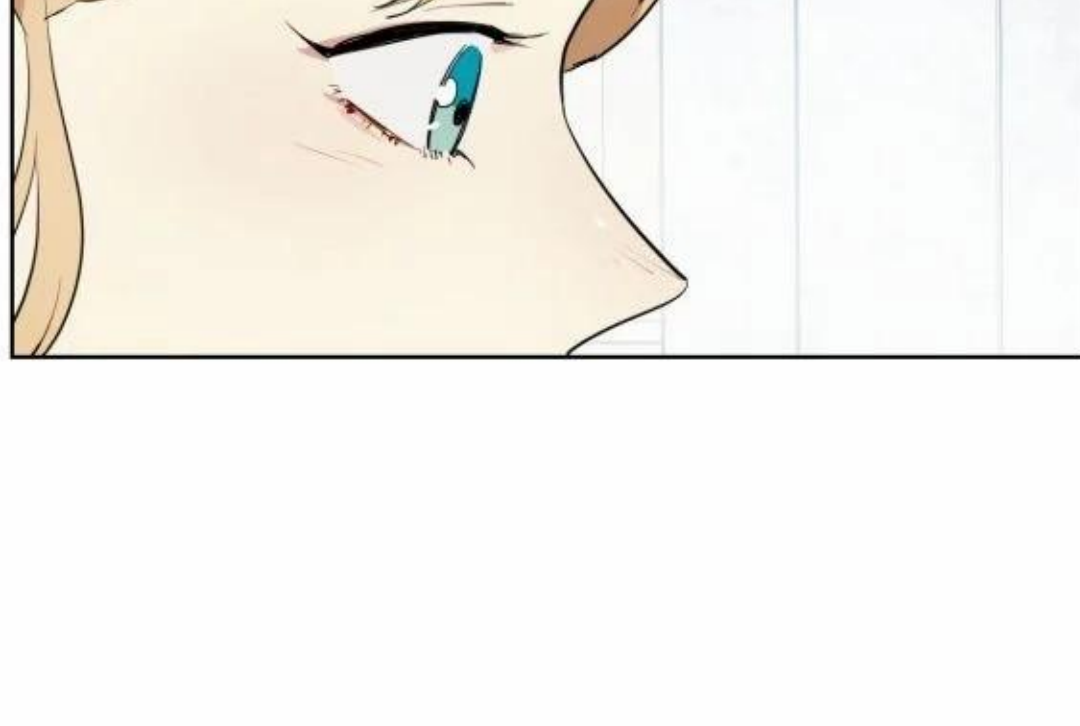


HOW ABOUT IT? I'LL BE THE ONE TO SHOW YOU AROUND THIS TIME.

SHALL WE CHAT WHILE WE WALK?



LIKE YOU DID WITH THE OTHERS...



WHO ARE YOU TAKING A WALK WITH?







YOU MUST BE BUSY, SO PLEASE GO CONTINUE WHAT YOU WERE DOING, YOUR HIGHNESS.



!



I WILL TAKE CARE OF MY SCHOLAR.



MY PRINCE!

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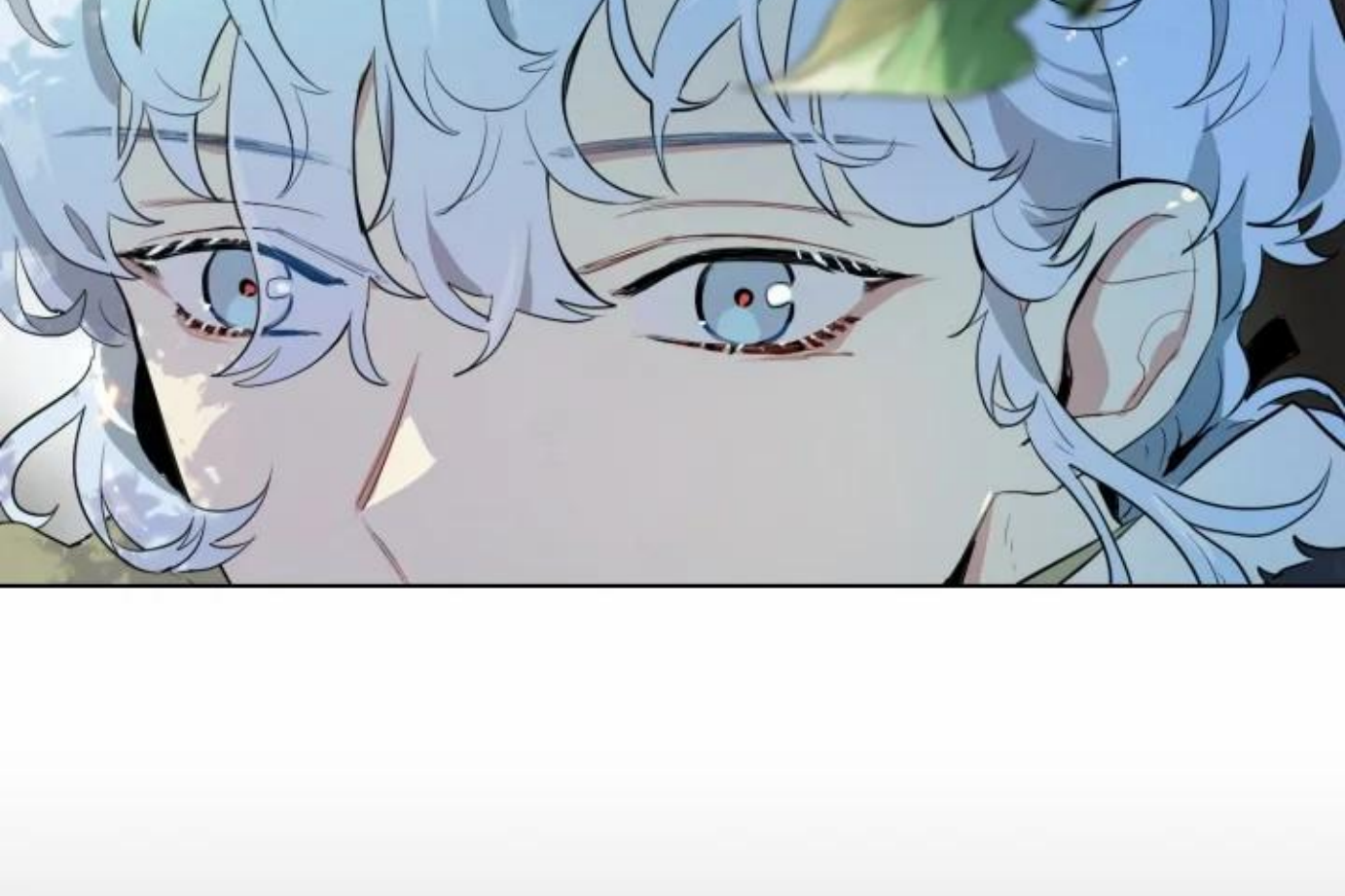




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I



WILL TAKE  
CARE OF MY  
SCHOLAR.





MY PRINCE!

DUKE RAYBURN,  
WHAT BRINGS YOU  
HERE...?

THE PRINCESS IS  
HERE AS WELL. DO  
YOU HAVE SOME OTHER  
URGENT BUSINESS TO  
ATTEND TO?



NO, IT'S JUST  
THAT I COULDN'T  
LEAVE MY SCHOLAR  
AT A TIGER'S DEN.



DON'T WORRY  
ABOUT IT. PLEASE  
PROCEED WITH YOUR  
SCHEDULE.

DUKE RAYBURN... JUST  
WHAT IS HE PLANNING TO DO  
TO HIS HIGHNESS NOW?



CLENCH



CHATTER

HOW SHAMELESS IS HE TO COME BACK HERE AGAIN? THE RUMORS FROM THE BANQUET ARE STILL GOING AROUND...

WHO KNOWS WHAT HE'LL DO THIS TIME?

I WISH HE JUST WOULDN'T COME TO THE CASTLE ANYMORE.

CHATTER

WHAT IF HE CAUSES ANOTHER BLOODBATH?

MY PRINCE...

CLENCH

...YOU HAVE NO NEED TO WORRY, SO HEAD BACK, DUKE.

MISS SCHOLAR AND I WILL...

I APOLOGIZE, YOUR HIGHNESS.

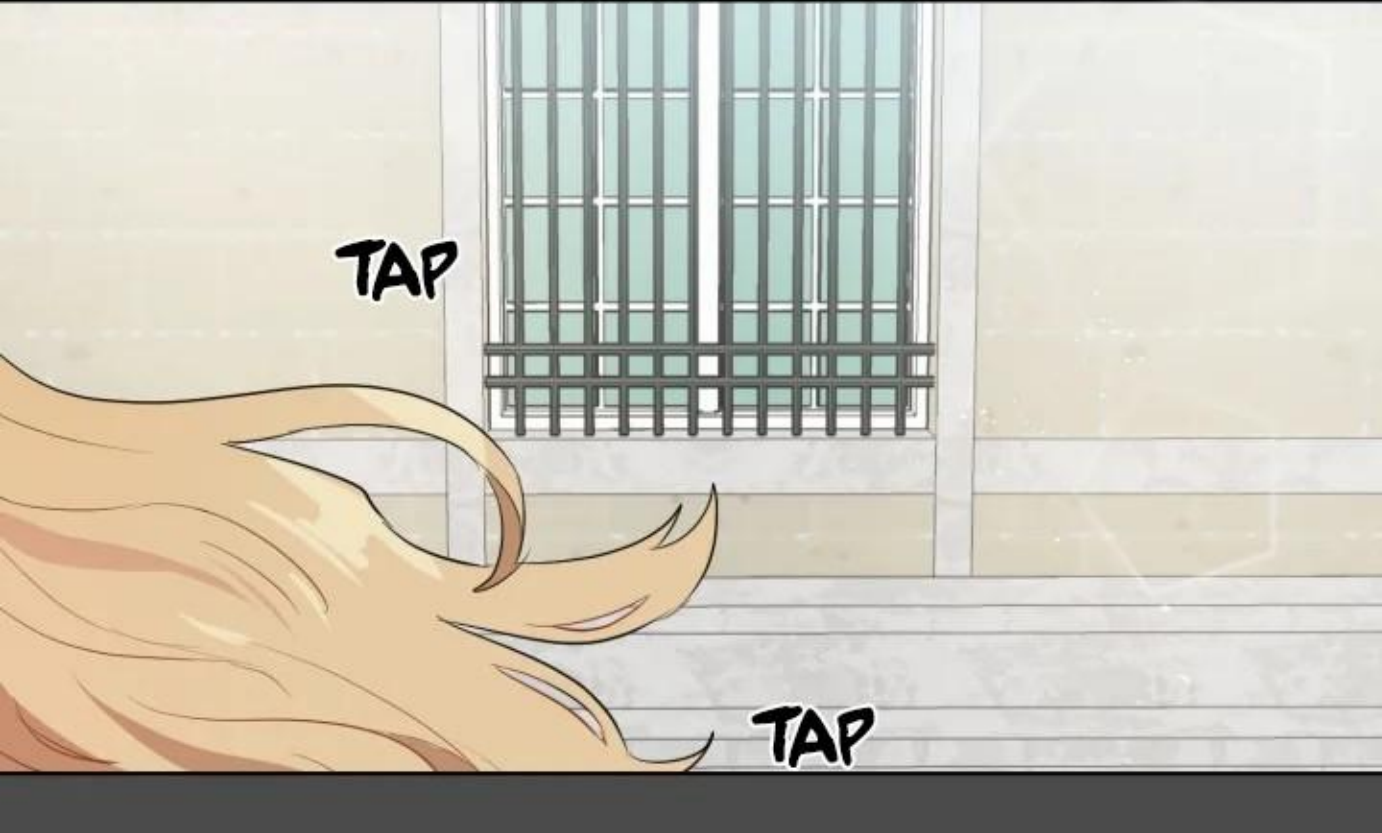
I DON'T THINK I CAN TAKE A WALK WITH YOU RIGHT NOW.

I SINCERELY APOLOGIZE FOR DARING TO DECLINE YOUR HIGHNESS' REQUEST.

BO

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...IT DOESN'T MATTER. THE REASON WHY I APPROACHED HER WAS ONLY BECAUSE OF THE ESPELINDO FAMILY.

ANYWAYS, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT BROTHER CAME TO THE CASTLE HIMSELF.

ALL FOR A SCHOLAR, NO, FOR AN AUTHOR.

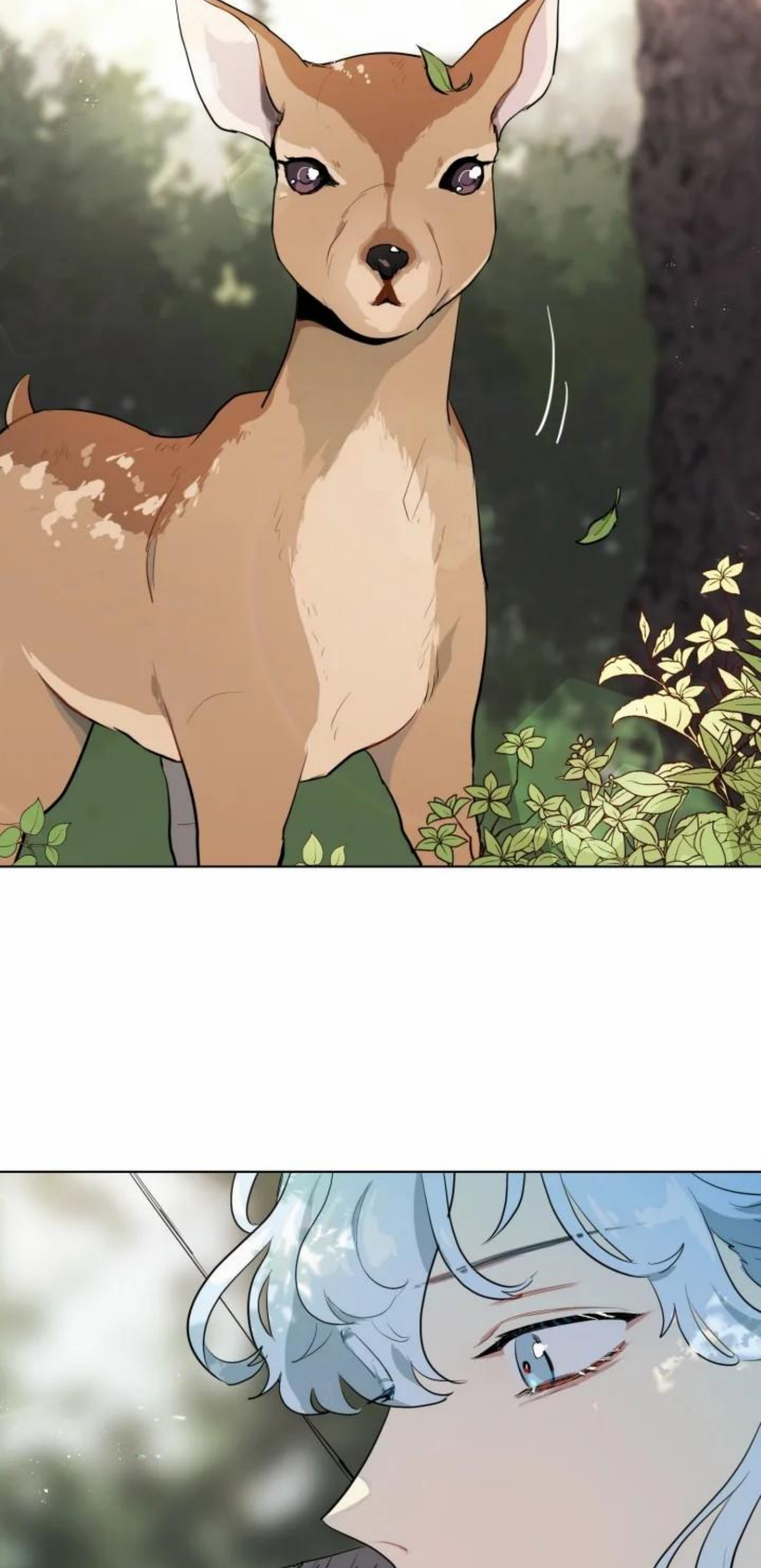
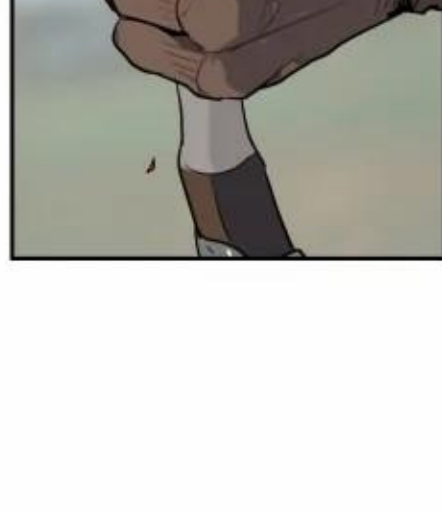
IT WAS UNLIKE HIM TO SHOW SUCH A VULNERABLE SIDE OF HIMSELF.

WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO ABOUT THE AUTHOR?

YOU SHOULD DISPOSE OF HER BEFORE SHE GETS A CHANCE TO SPREAD FALSE RUMORS AGAIN.

...IF WE DISPOSE OF THE AUTHOR RIGHT NOW WHILE BROTHER IS VULNERABLE, I'M SURE IT WOULD DEAL A HUGE BLOW.

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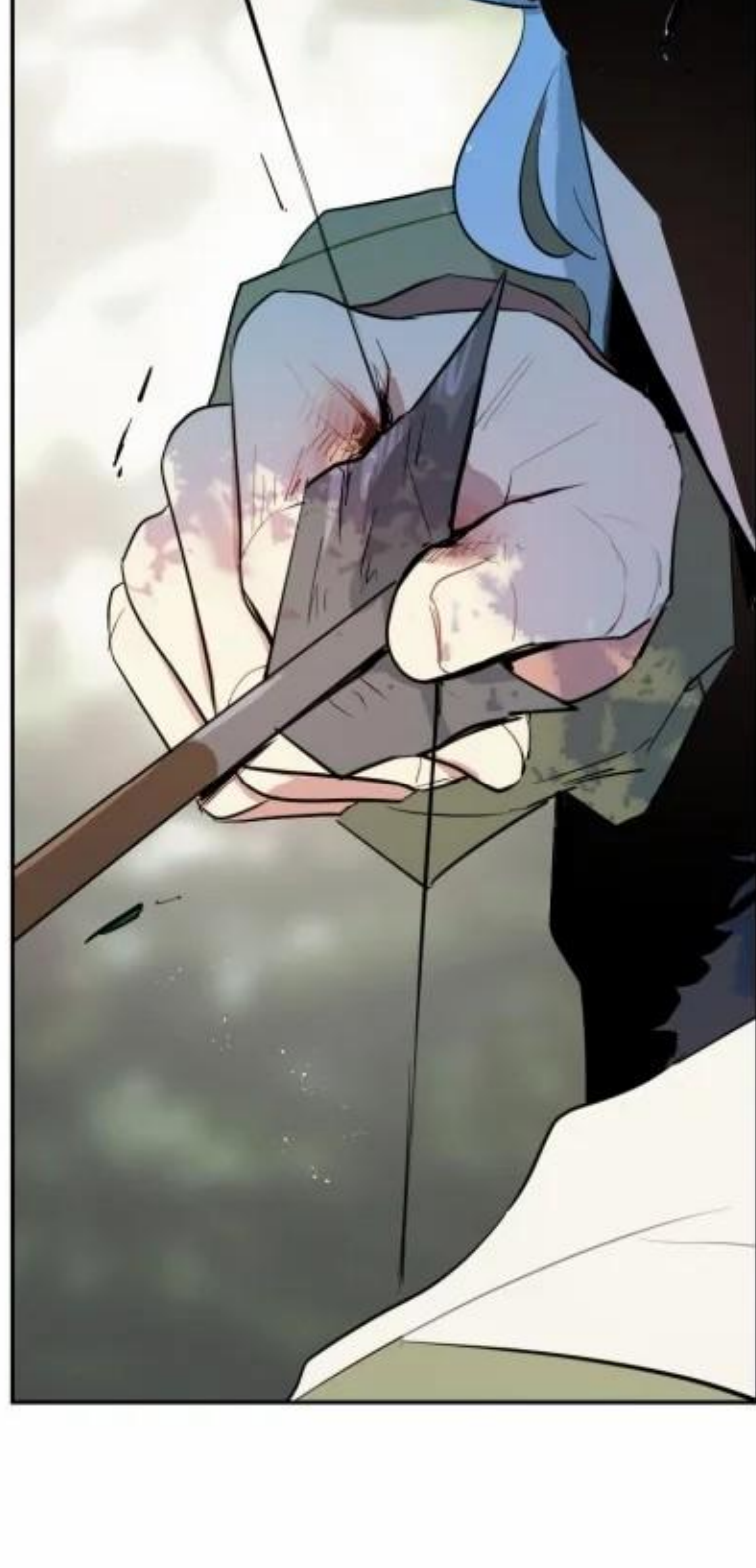




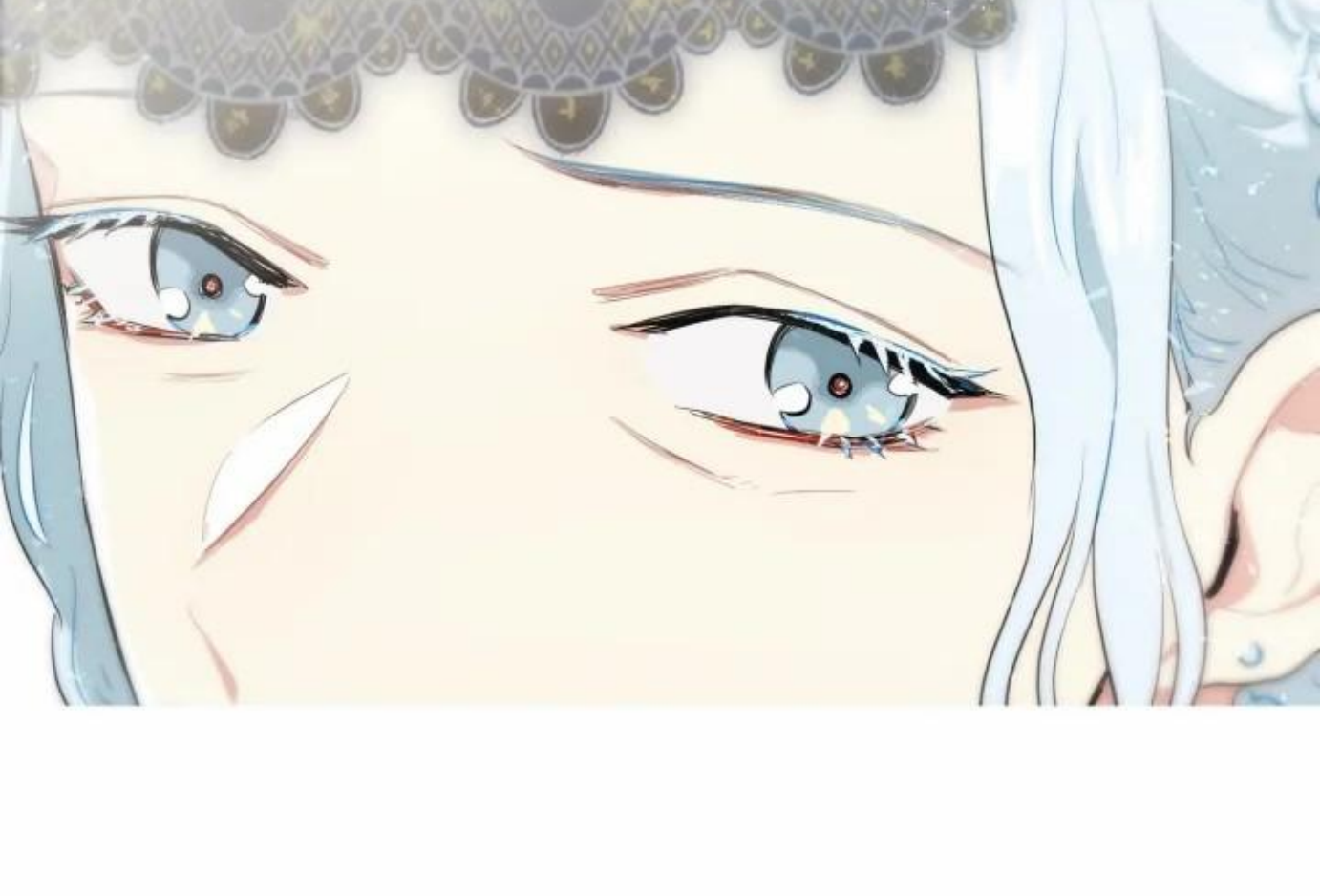


WHY

DID YOU LOOK BACK AT  
ME WITH THOSE EYES?



SUCH EYES THAT  
SHOW TRUE WORRY  
TOWARDS ME...



ONLY MOTHER...







YOUR HIGHNESS?

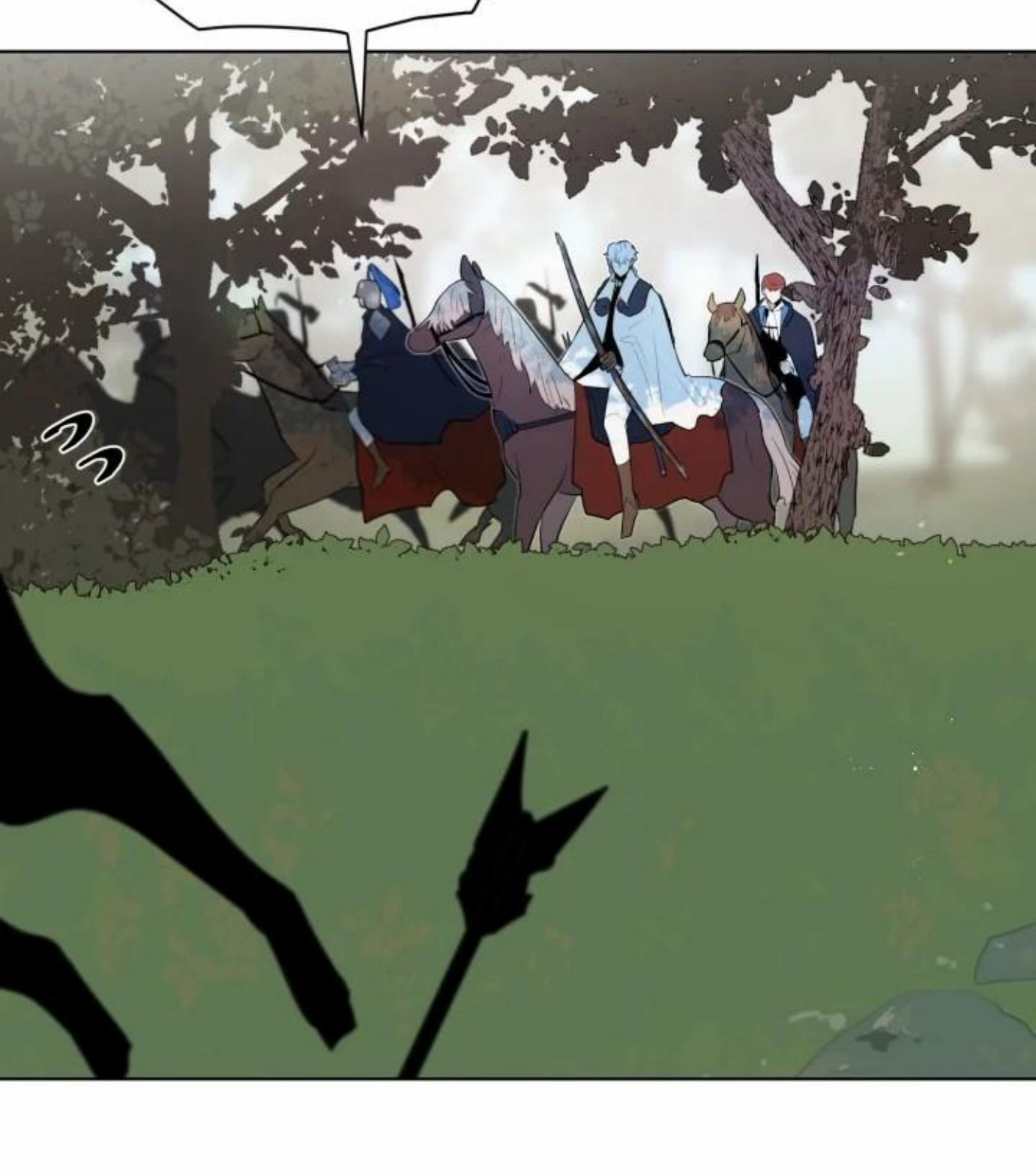


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IT'S RUNNING AWAY!

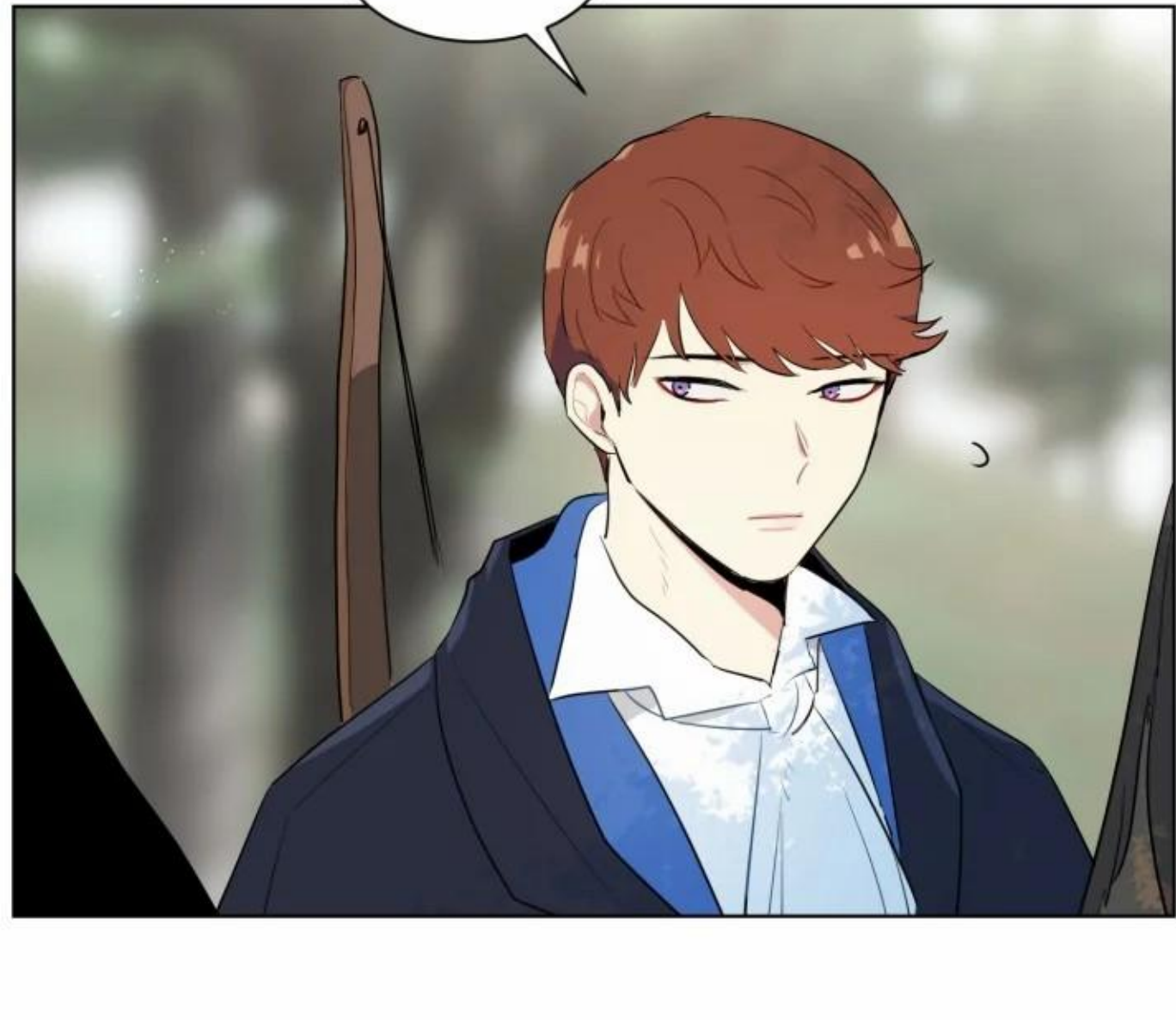
CHASE AFTER THE DEER! I'LL HEAD TOWARDS ITS HERD!



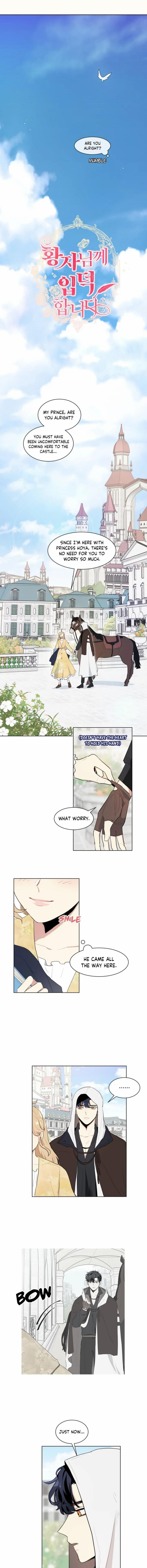
PRINCE FERDERIC HAS A WOUND ON HIS HAND...



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ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

MUMBLE

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MY PRINCE, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

YOU MUST HAVE BEEN UNCOMFORTABLE COMING HERE TO THE CASTLE...

SINCE I'M HERE WITH PRINCESS HOYA, THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO WORRY SO MUCH.

(DOESN'T HAVE THE HEART TO HOLD HIS HAND)

WHAT WORRY.

SMILE

HE CAME ALL THE WAY HERE.

.....

BOW

JUST NOW...



WAIT  
A MINUTE.

YOU THERE,  
AREN'T YOU THE  
SCHOLAR?

YES? I AM...

STEP

STEP

AN IMPERIAL  
KNIGHT?

UNSHEATHE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
ADVICE EARLIER TODAY,  
MISS SCHOLAR!

PLEASE ENJOY  
THIS SANDWICH WHILE  
YOU'RE WORKING.

TADA

OH, YOU'RE THE  
PERSON I TALKED TO  
EARLIER. THANK YOU  
SO MUCH.

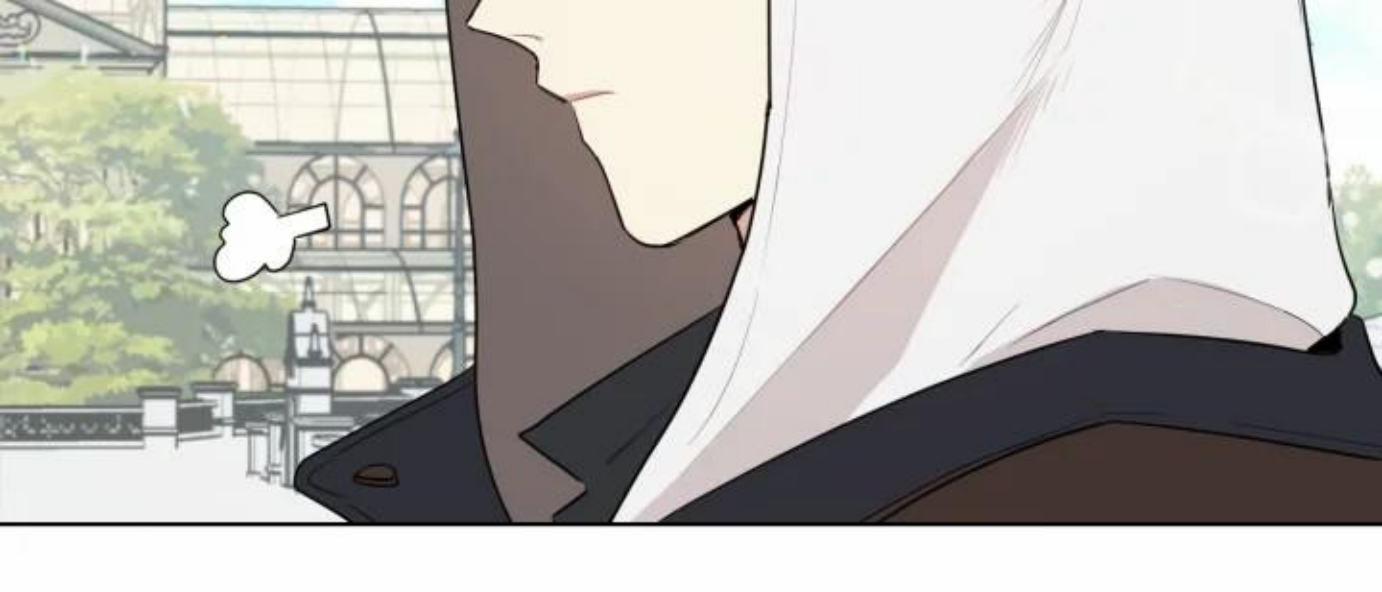
- PEACEFUL -

WHAT...

SHEATHE

NOT ONLY WAS  
SHE ABLE TO ADAPT WITHIN  
A SINGLE DAY, BUT SHE ALSO  
GAINED THE GOODWILL OF  
THOSE AROUND HER?





**WHISPER**

MY PRINCE,  
WOULD YOU LIKE A  
SANDWICH AT THAT BRIDGE  
WE DANCED TOGETHER  
ON BEFORE?

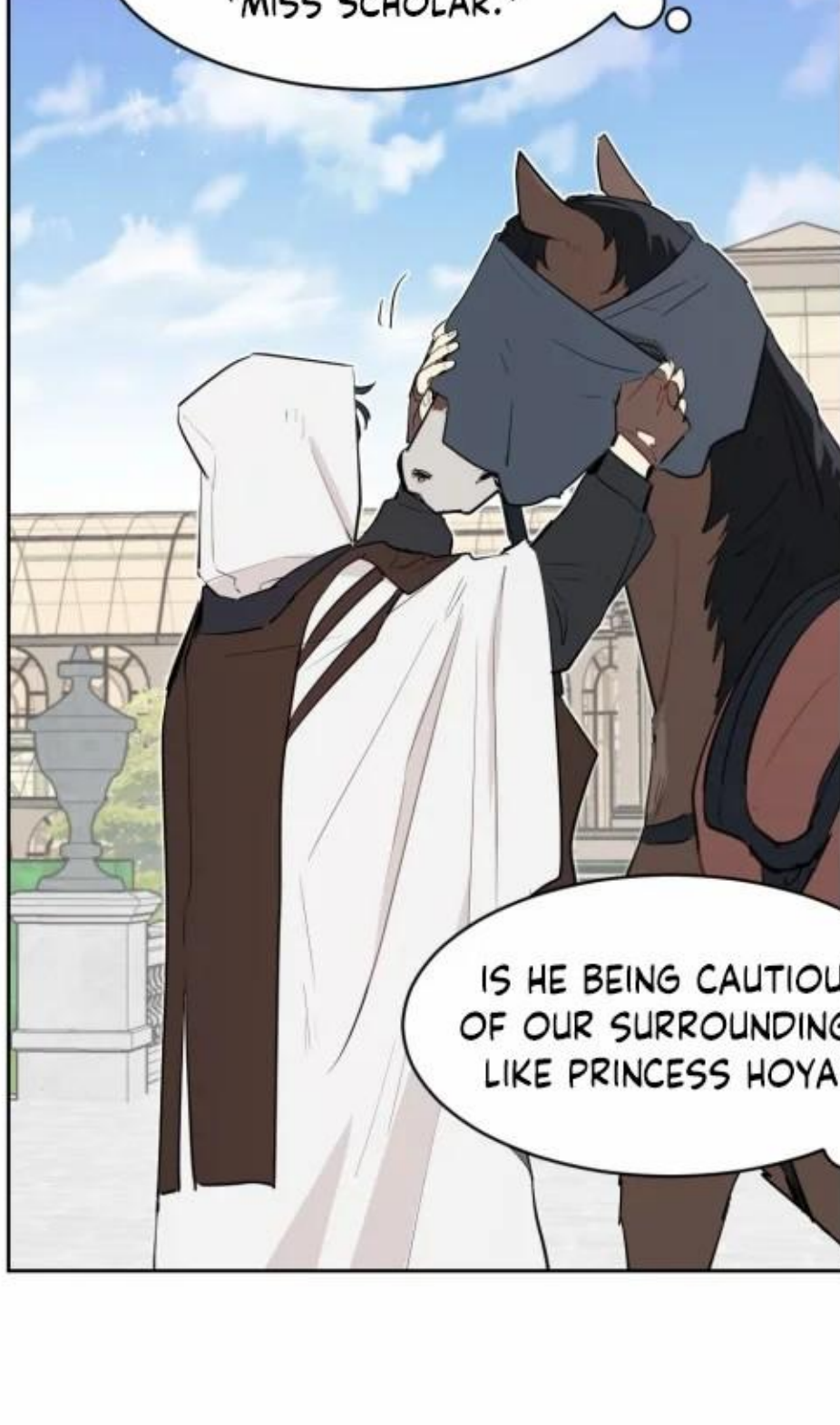


NO THANK YOU,  
MISS SCHOLAR. THERE  
ARE MANY PEOPLE AROUND  
THE CASTLE, NO MATTER  
WHERE YOU GO DURING  
THE DAY.

THIS INSTANT  
REJECTION...

**EMBARRASSED**

BUT TO THINK  
THAT HE'D REALLY USE  
HONORIFICS AND CALL ME  
"MISS SCHOLAR."



IS HE BEING CAUTIOUS  
OF OUR SURROUNDINGS,  
LIKE PRINCESS HOYA?

THAT'S  
SUPER UNFAMILIAR  
BUT CUTE...!



**GRIN**

**UNEXPECTED  
STAN  
LEVEL ↑**

I... I REALLY  
WANNA TEASE HIM!

SO WERE YOU  
THAT WORRIED  
ABOUT ME?

NO, MISS  
SCHOLAR.

**RESTLESS**



WHAT'S UP  
WITH HER...?

HM~ BUT YOU  
WOULDN'T BE HERE  
IF YOU WEREN'T.

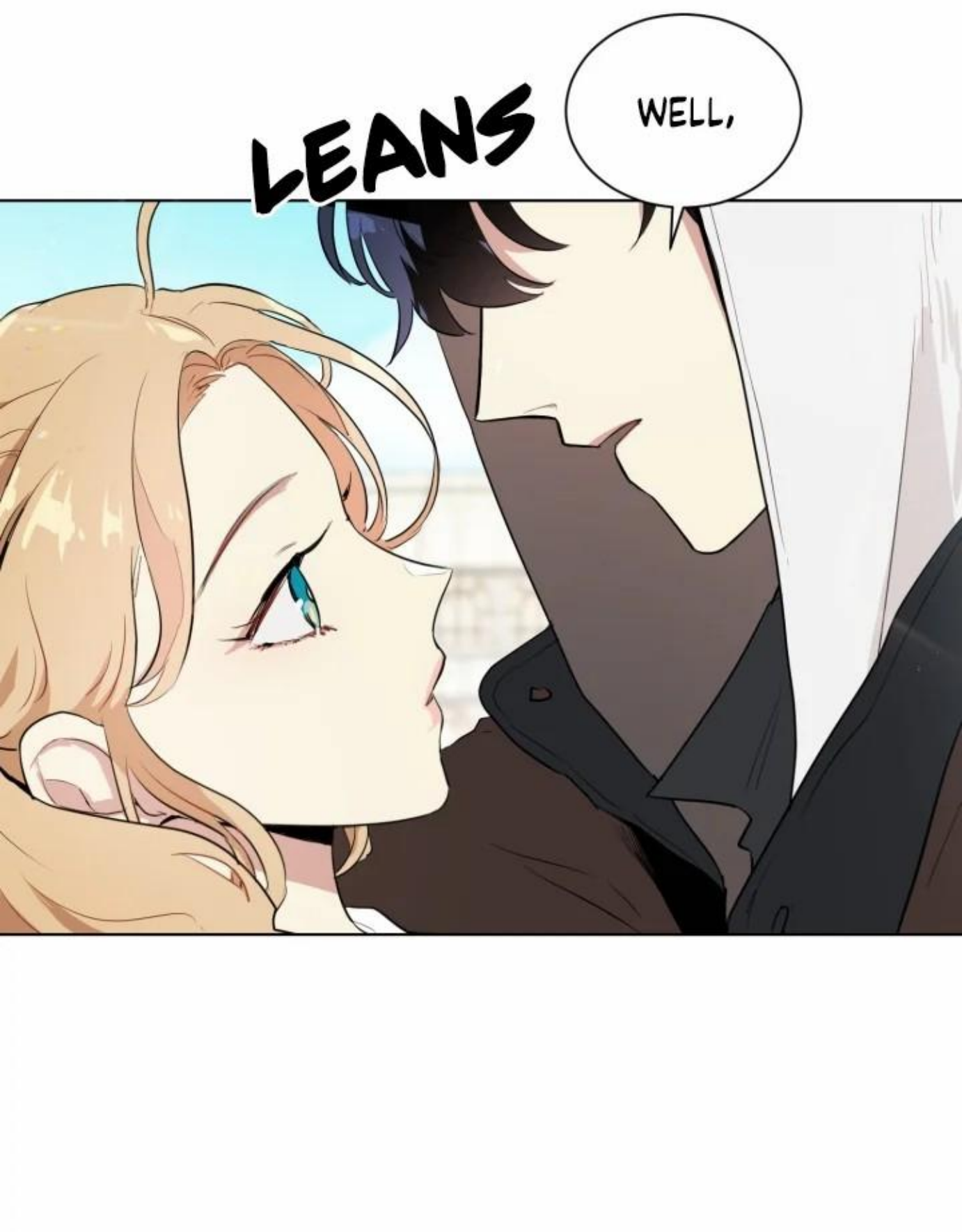
NO, I MEAN,  
NOT AT...

YOU JUST SPOKE  
INFORMALLY.

I...











...AND THE CASTLE  
IS MORE DANGEROUS  
DURING THE DAY THAN  
IT IS AT NIGHT.

THERE ARE  
MORE EARS  
LISTENING IN.



YOU ALWAYS HAVE  
TO BE CAREFUL.

DO YOU  
UNDERSTAND,  
MISS SCHOLAR?

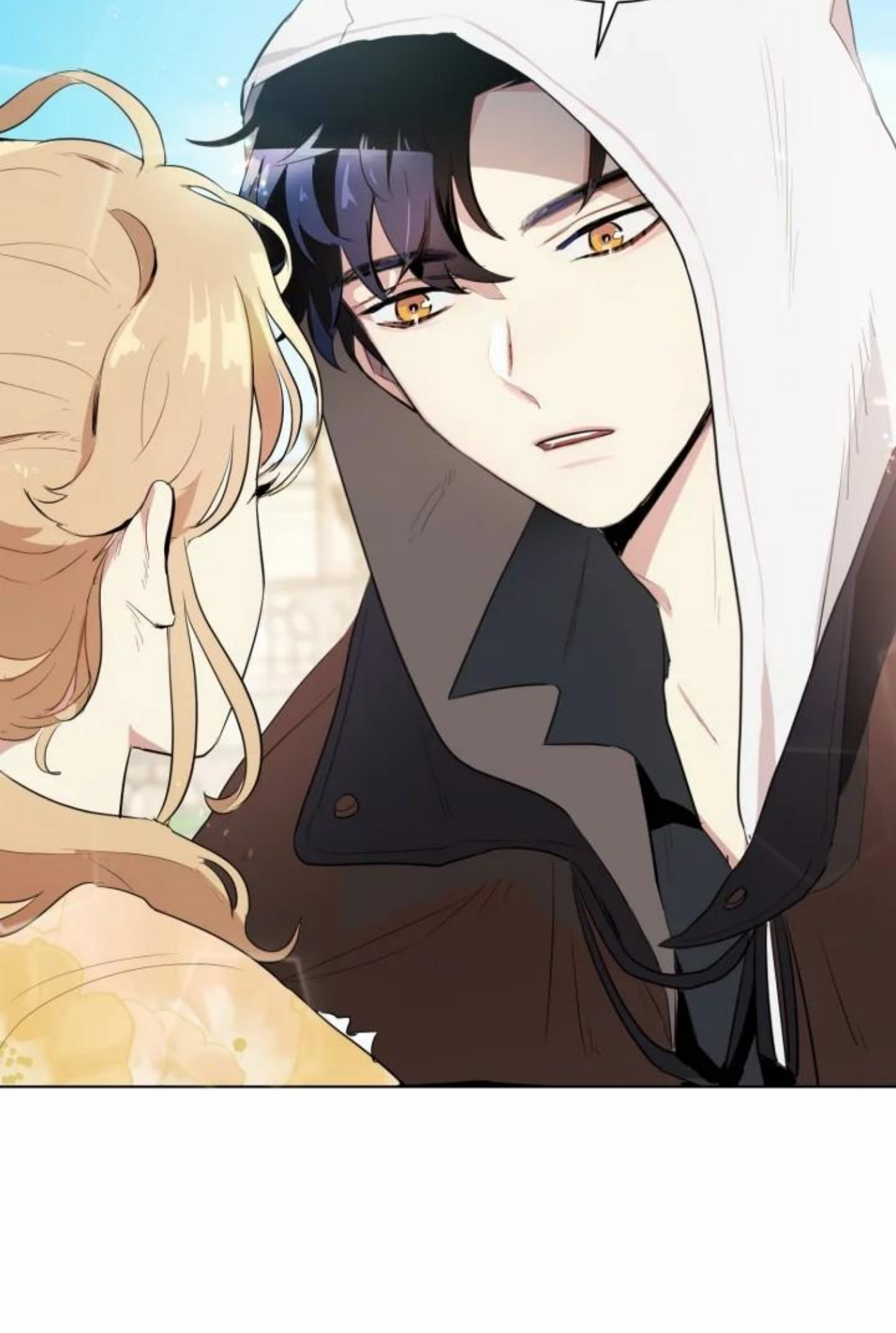


DID HE JUST...

? -WHISPER  
AUTHOR?



YOU OKAY?





**SWOOSH**



**SURPRISED**

?

WHAT...



R- RIGHT, SO...

PLEASE LET  
ME KNOW WHEN  
THOSE PEOPLE HAVE  
PASSED BY.



**CLENCH**



Y- YOU'RE TOO  
CLOSE, SO

I'M WORRIED  
OTHER PEOPLE MIGHT  
MISUNDERSTAND IF  
THEY SEE US.

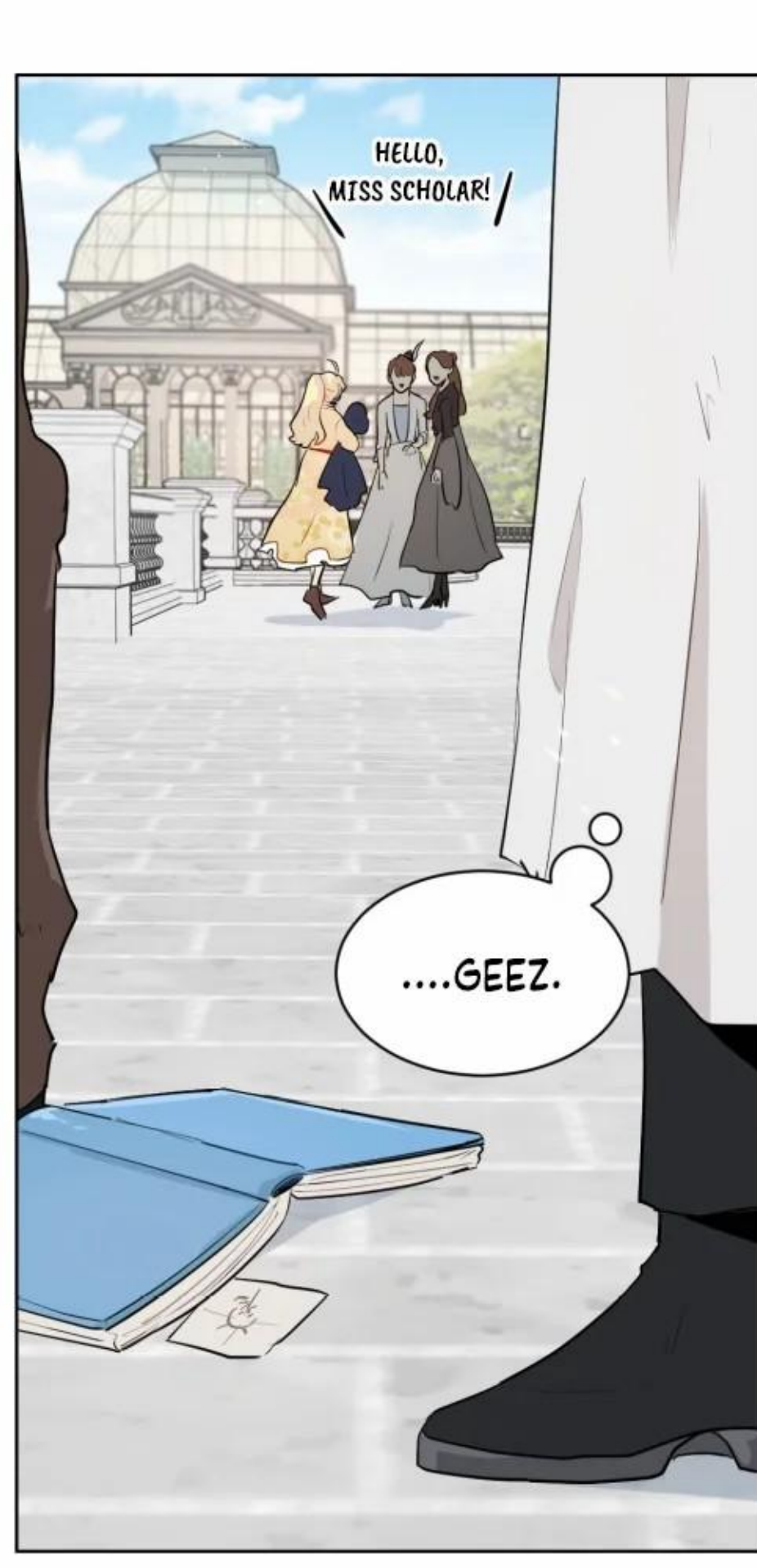
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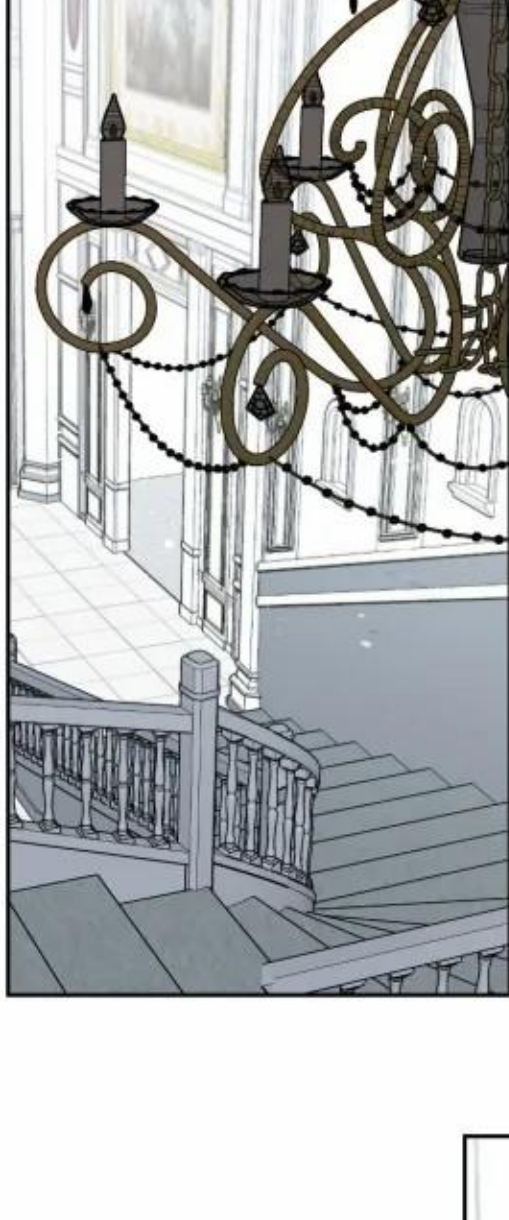
**BADUMP**

HE JUST SAID "EVER  
SINCE LONG AGO"...!









LET'S GO OUT AND GET SOME FRESH AIR FOR A BIT.



I KNOW FOR SURE.

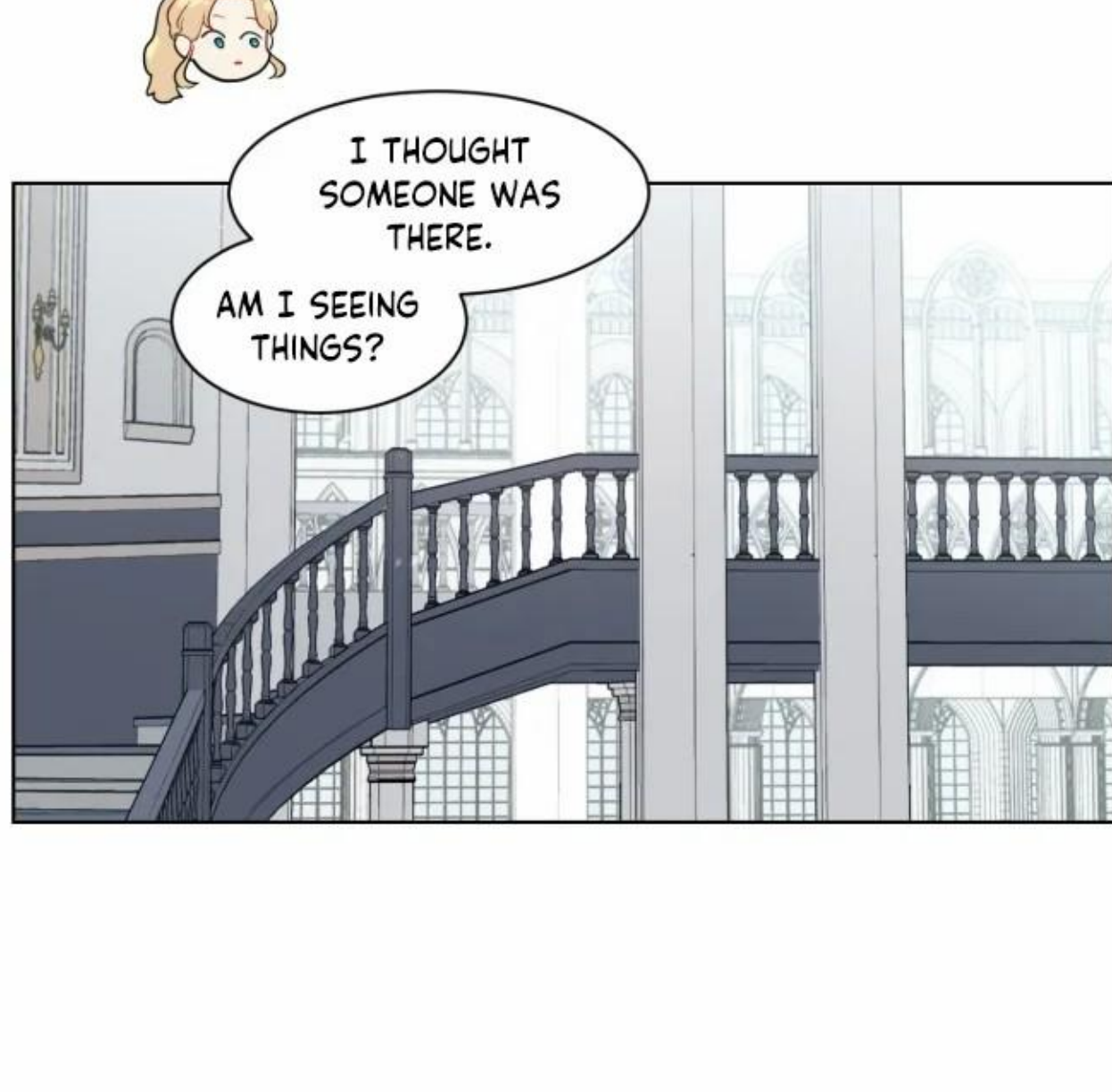
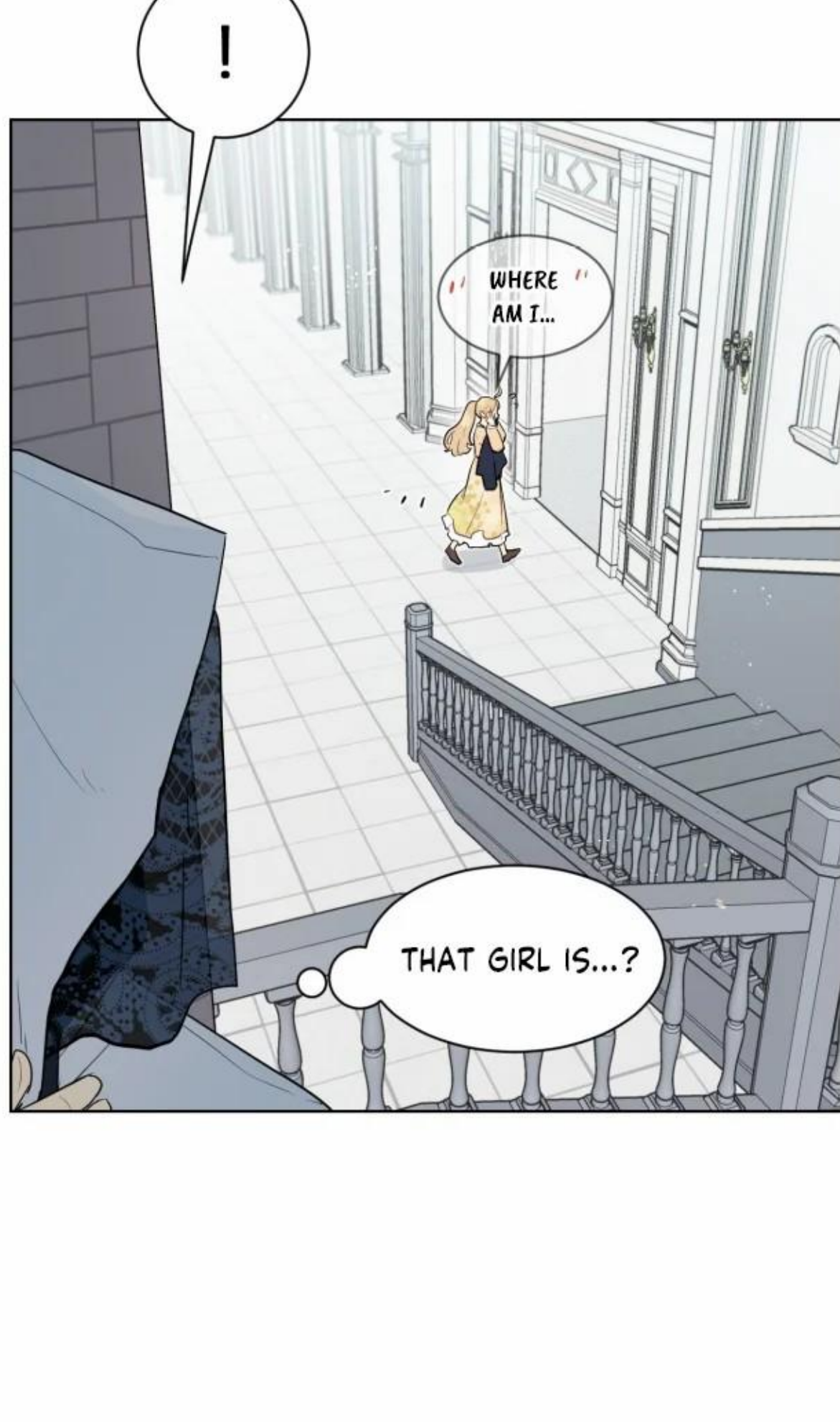
MOST OF THEM ARE SCHOLARS I HAVEN'T SEEN IN THE CASTLE BEFORE.



THE DOCUMENT MUST HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED. WHEN ON EARTH...







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STEP



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TIP TOE



SHE'S THAT  
BLONDIE FROM THE  
ESPELINDOS...

THEY SAID SHE  
WAS FROM VESTIA,  
RIGHT?

SHE MUST BE  
RELATED TO THE  
DISAPPEARANCE OF  
THE DOCUMENT.

HOW DID  
THEY KNOW WHAT  
IT WAS...?!

CLENCH



ANYWAYS,  
I'VE NEVER BEEN  
TO THIS PART OF THE  
PALACE BEFORE.

HOW FAR IS SHE  
EVEN GOING?

TIP TOE

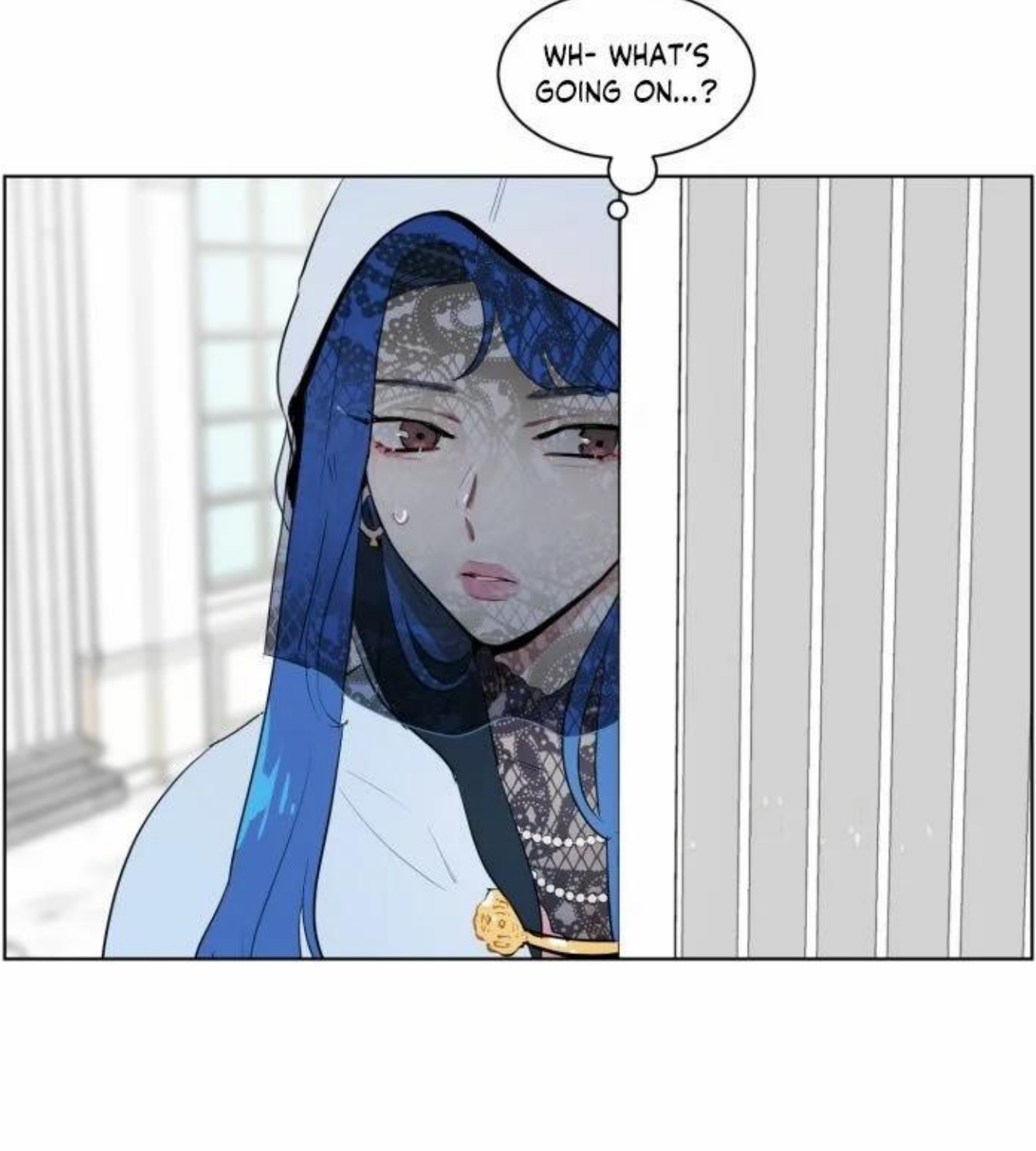
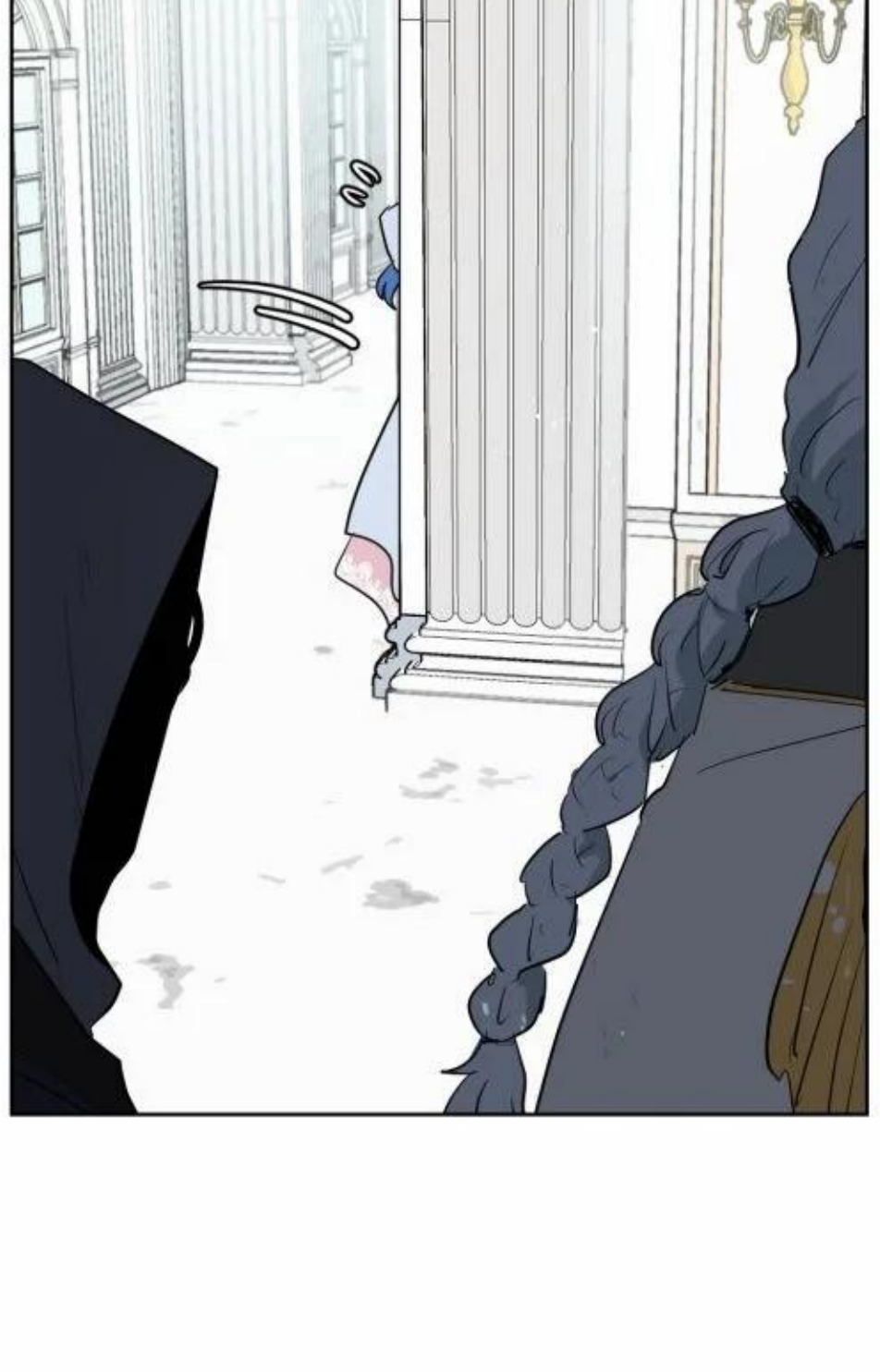
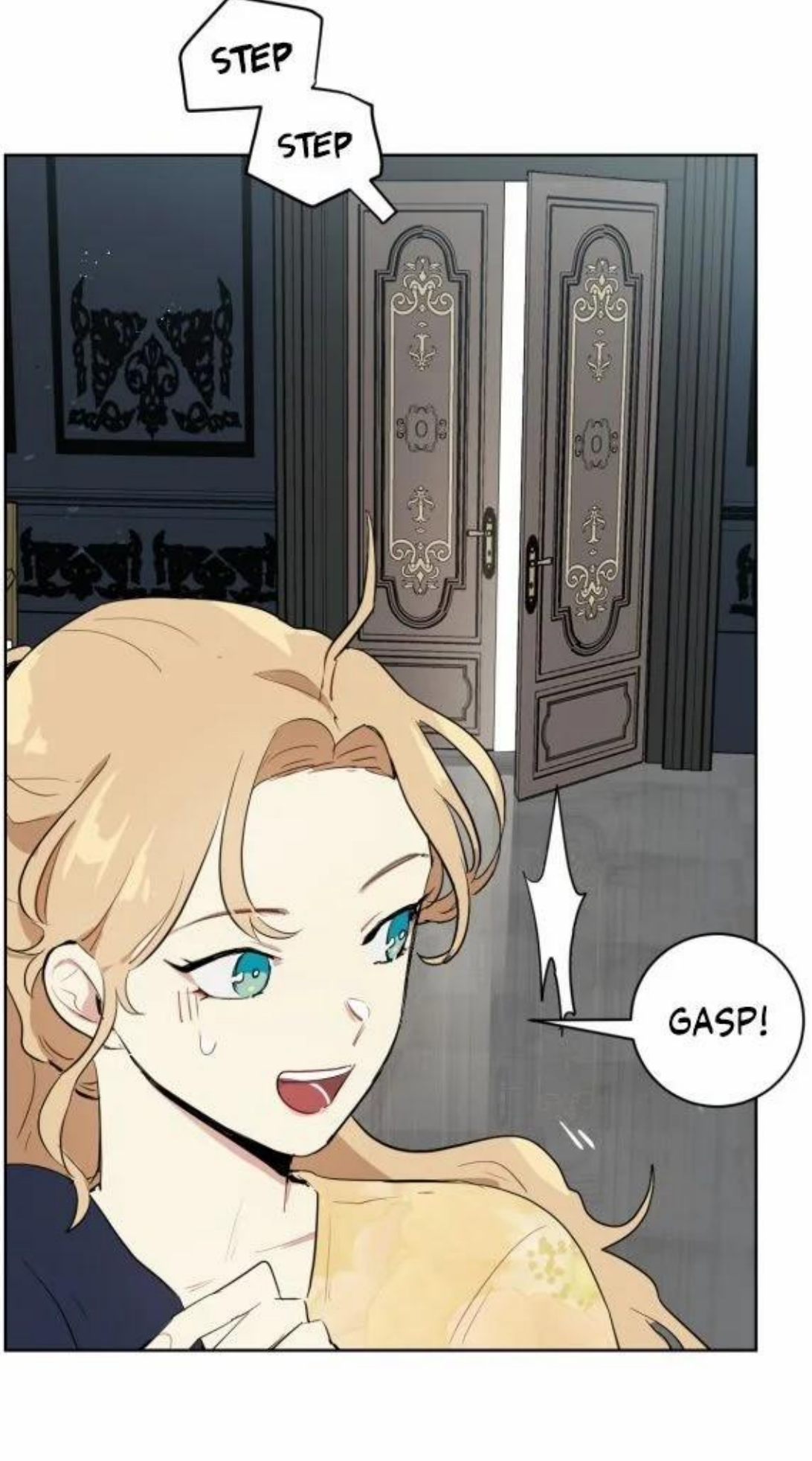


(STRUGGLING TO  
FIND HER WAY)

















**BURST**

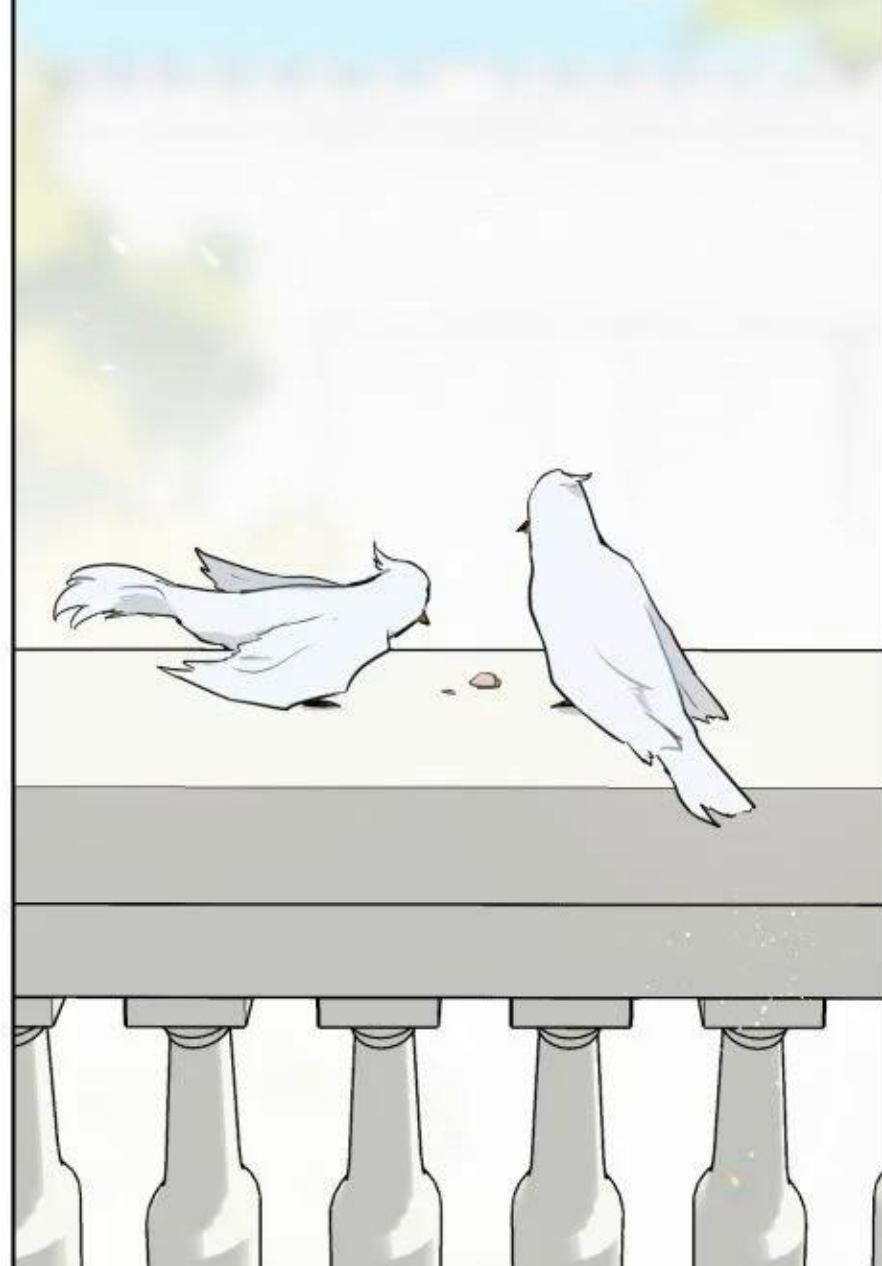
WHAT TO DO... THE SITUATION'S GOTTEN A LOT MORE WEIRD SINCE I HID IN HERE. I SHOULD JUST HEAD OUT NOW AND...



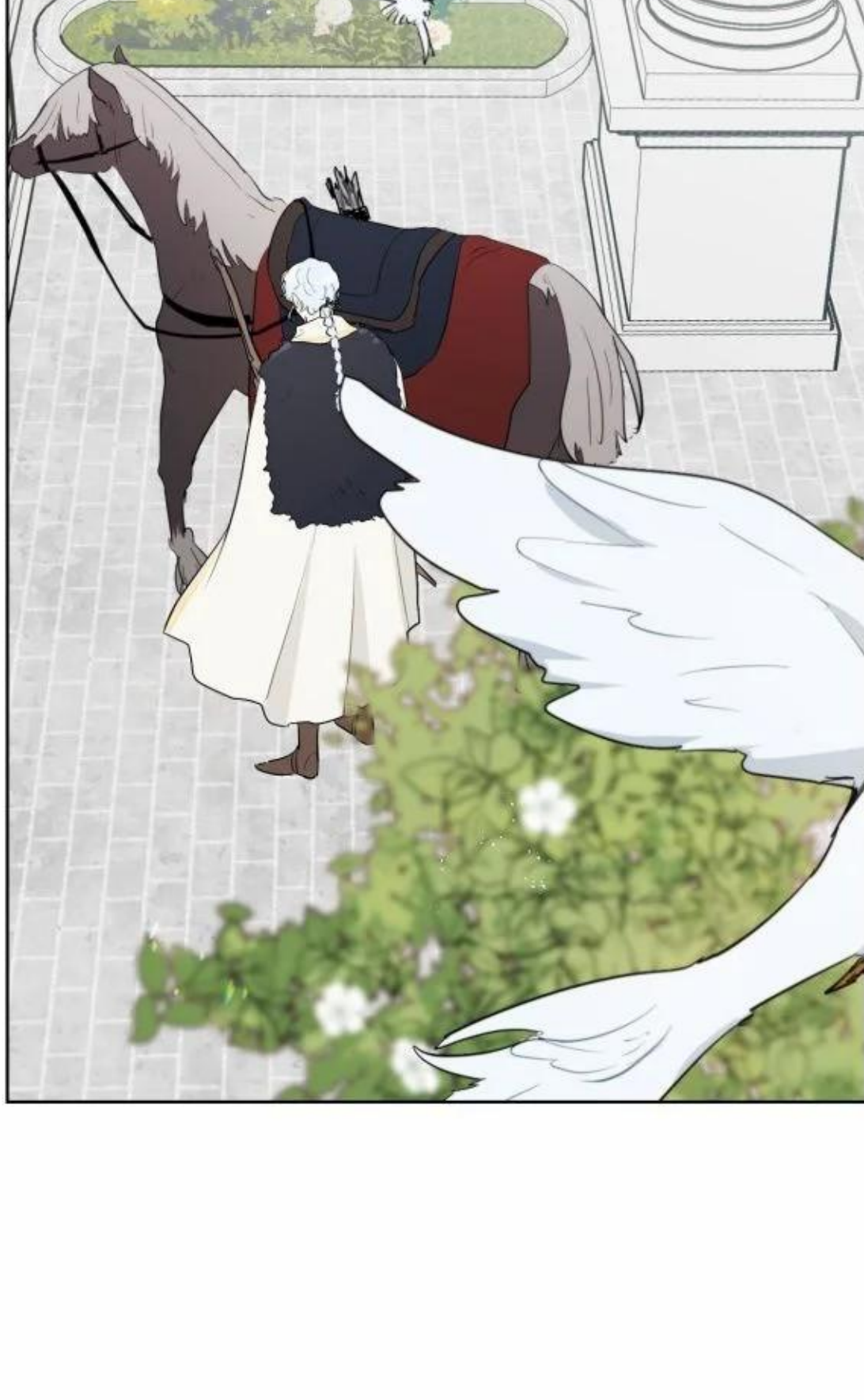
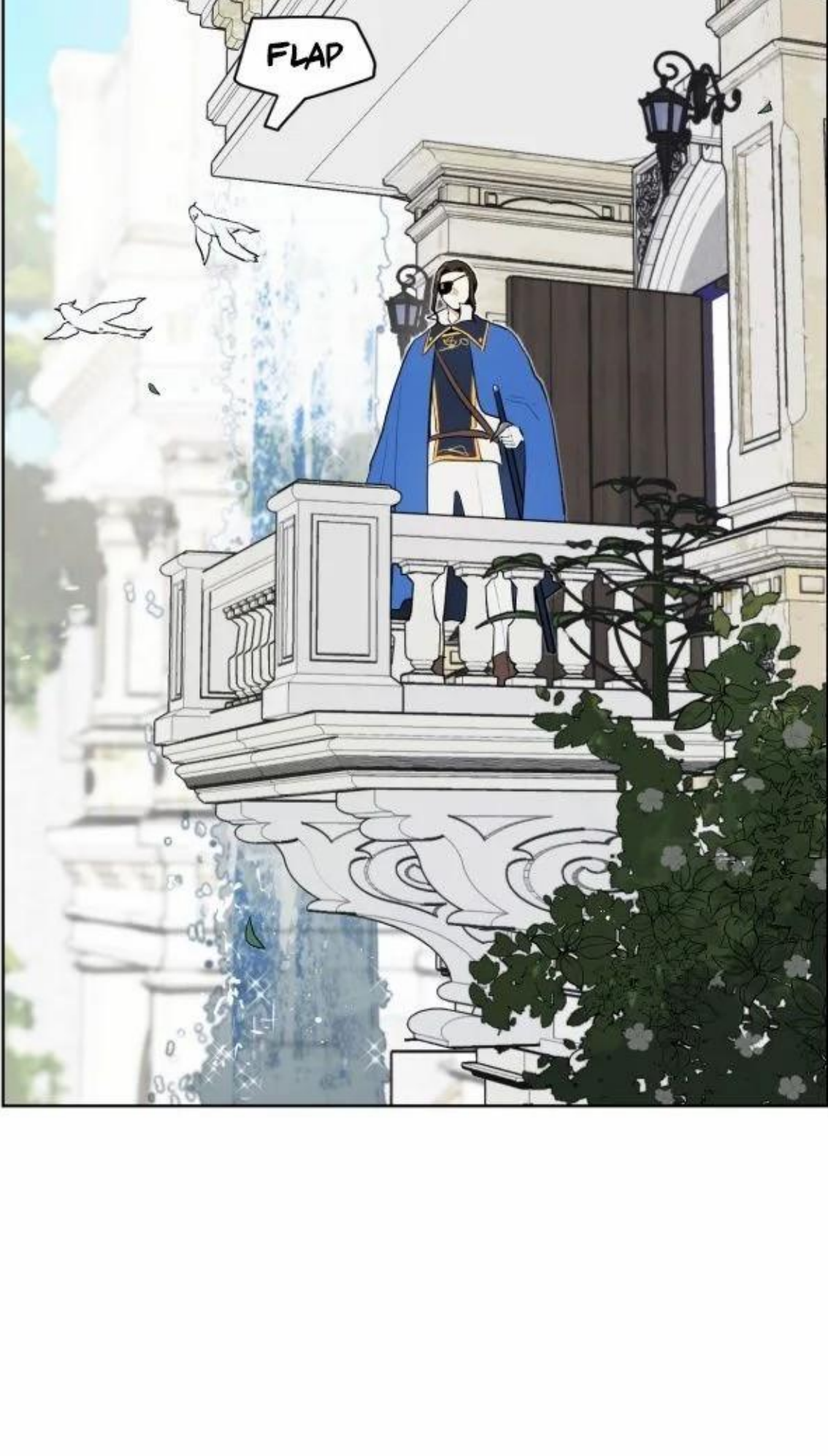
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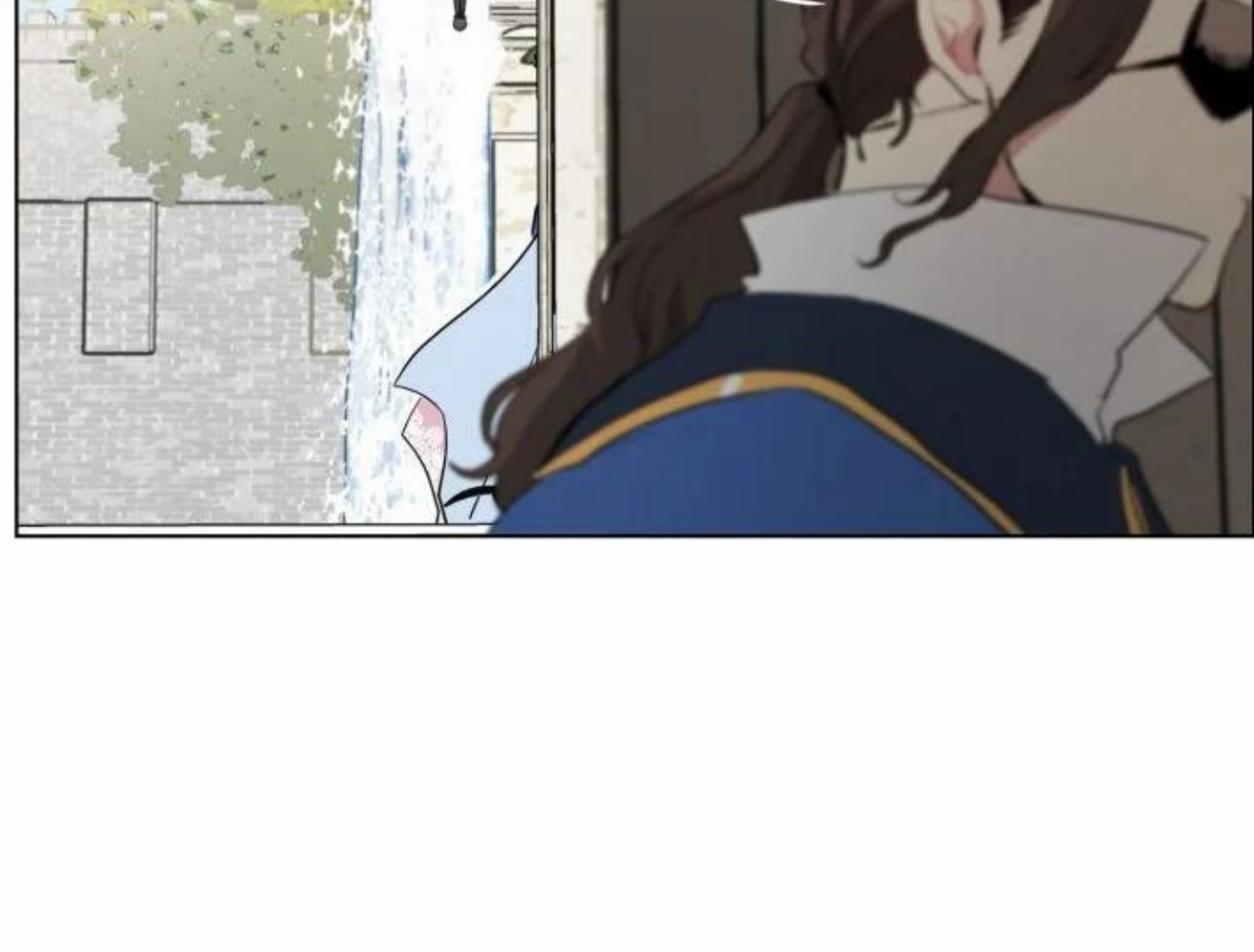
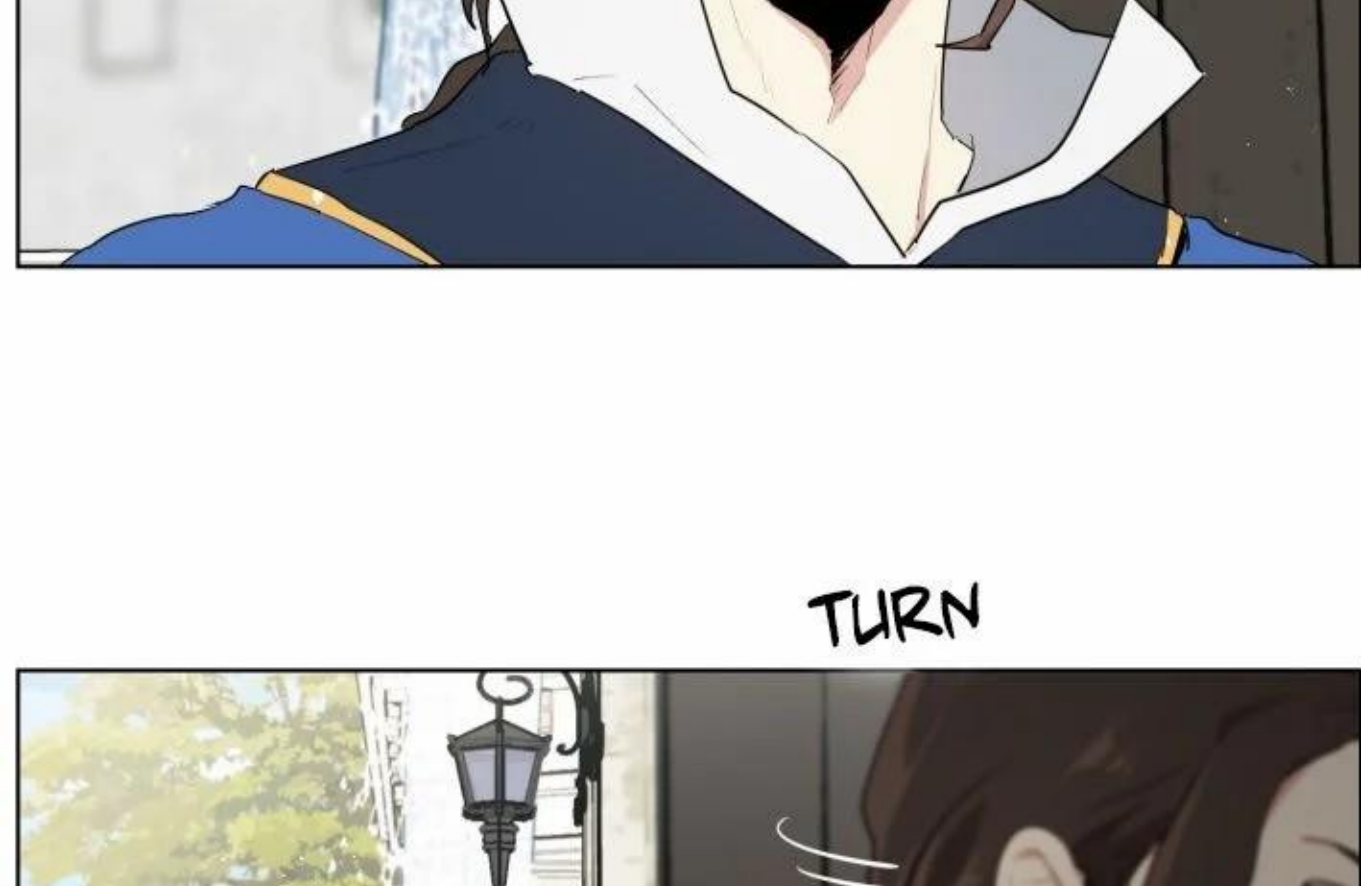
**BURST**







SHOULDN'T HE  
BE OUT HUNTING  
RIGHT NOW?







**KNOCK**



I APOLOGIZE FOR INTERRUPTING YOUR CONVERSATION.

GENERAL CHANCELLOR, THE CROWN PRINCE SEEMS TO HAVE RETURNED FROM HIS HUNT EARLIER THAN SCHEDULED.





I... I WAS ALMOST CAUGHT... WAS THAT A KNIFE JUST NOW?!



TAP

!

TREMBLE  
TREMBLE



YOU'RE JUST AS NOSY AS EVER WHEN IT COMES TO FERDERICK'S AFFAIRS, GENERAL.

...THIS VOICE IS...?



WELL... JUST HOW IMPORTANT IS THIS MATTER THAT YOU WANTED TO MEET HERE SECRETLY?



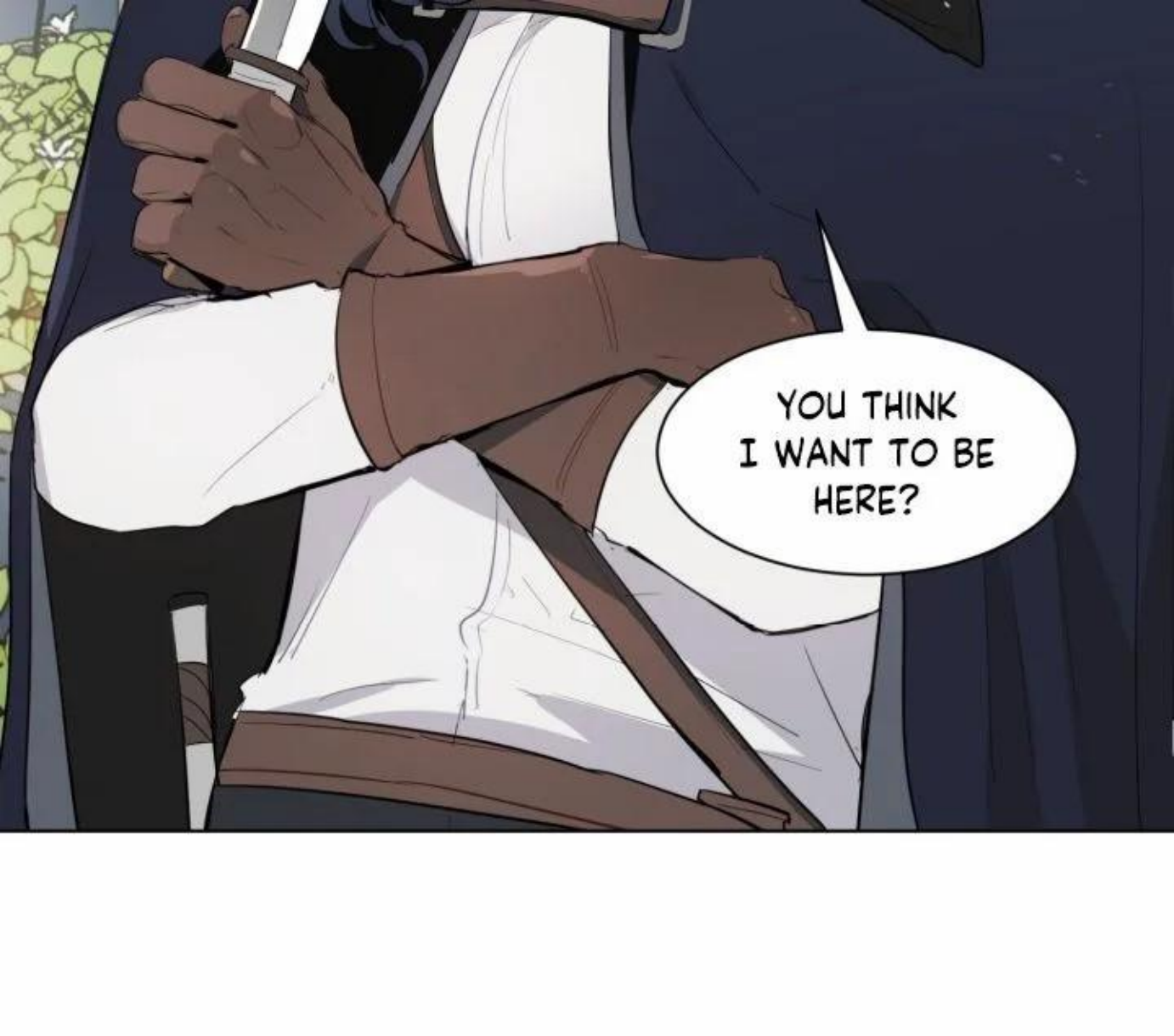
I DON'T BELIEVE WE'RE ON FRIENDLY ENOUGH TERMS TO BE SEEING EACH OTHER LIKE THIS,



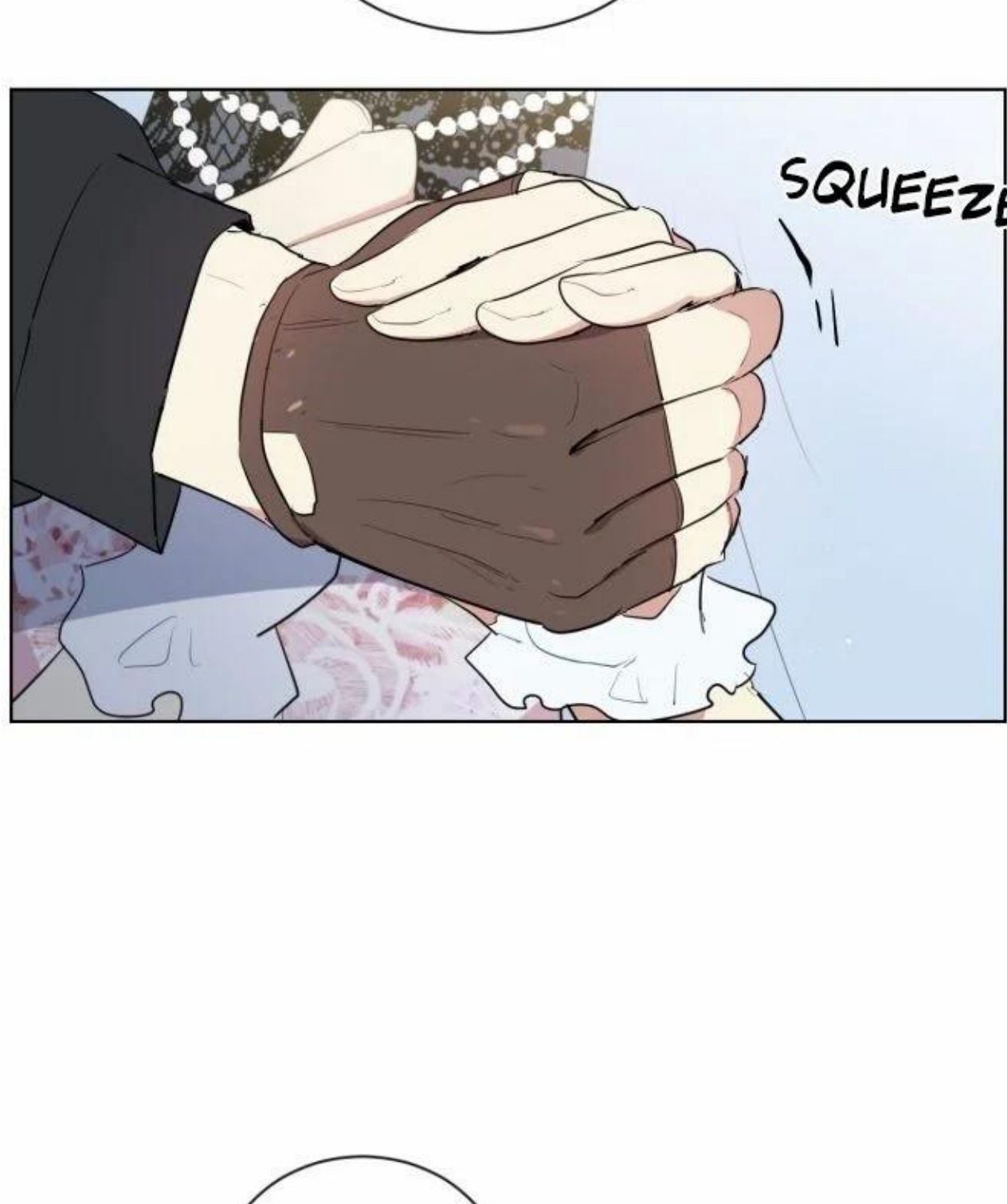
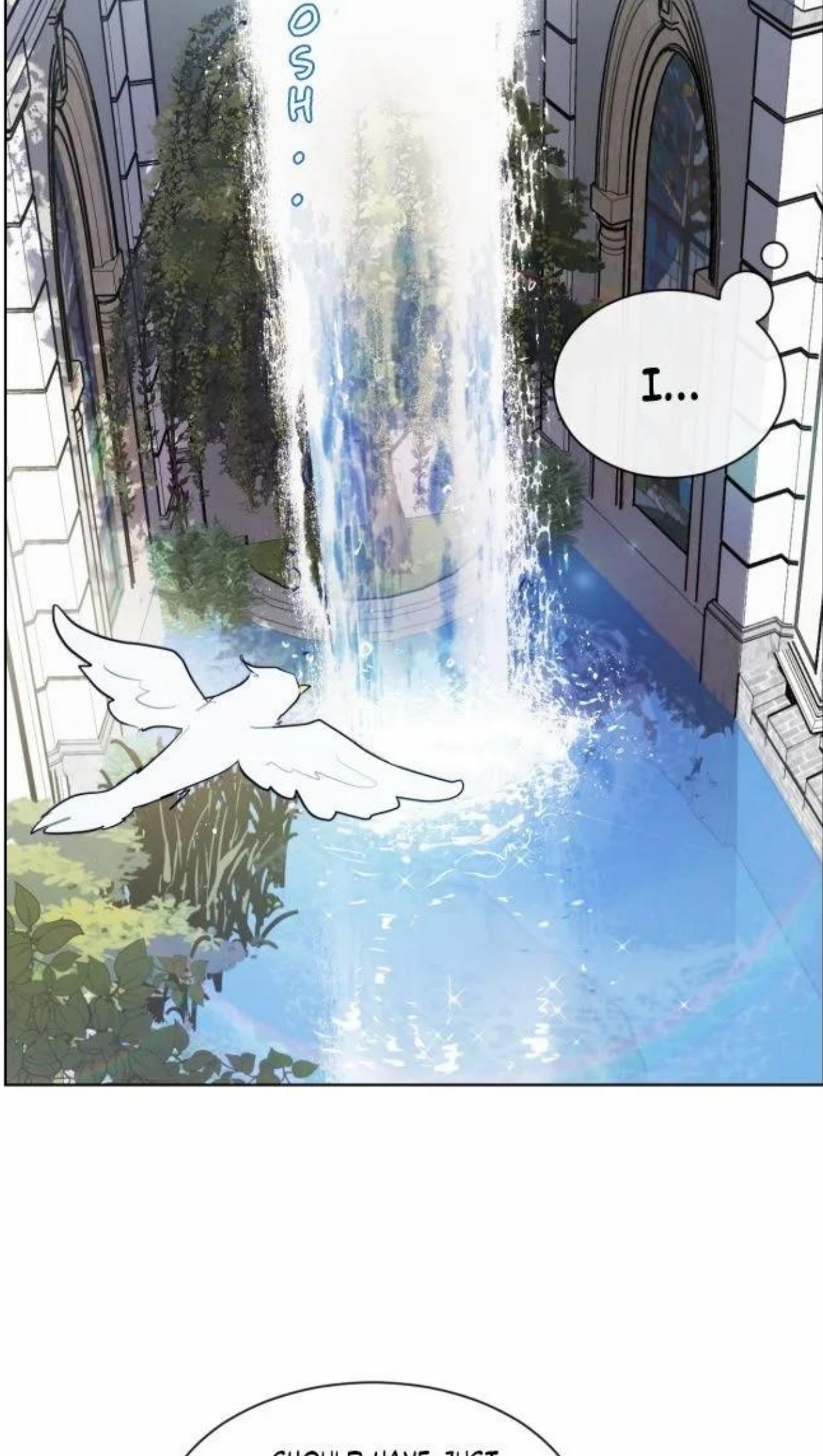
PRINCESS.







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EXCUSE ME, I'M GRATEFUL THAT YOU SAVED ME JUST NOW, BUT COULD WE PLEASE GET BACK ON THE BALCONY...

!

AH.



Y-YOU!

PRINCESS?!



??<sup>u u</sup>

WHAT TRICKS ARE YOU TRYING TO PLAY ON ME NOW?!

I WON'T FALL FOR IT AGAIN...!



**SHOVE**

WAIT...



!

KYAA!



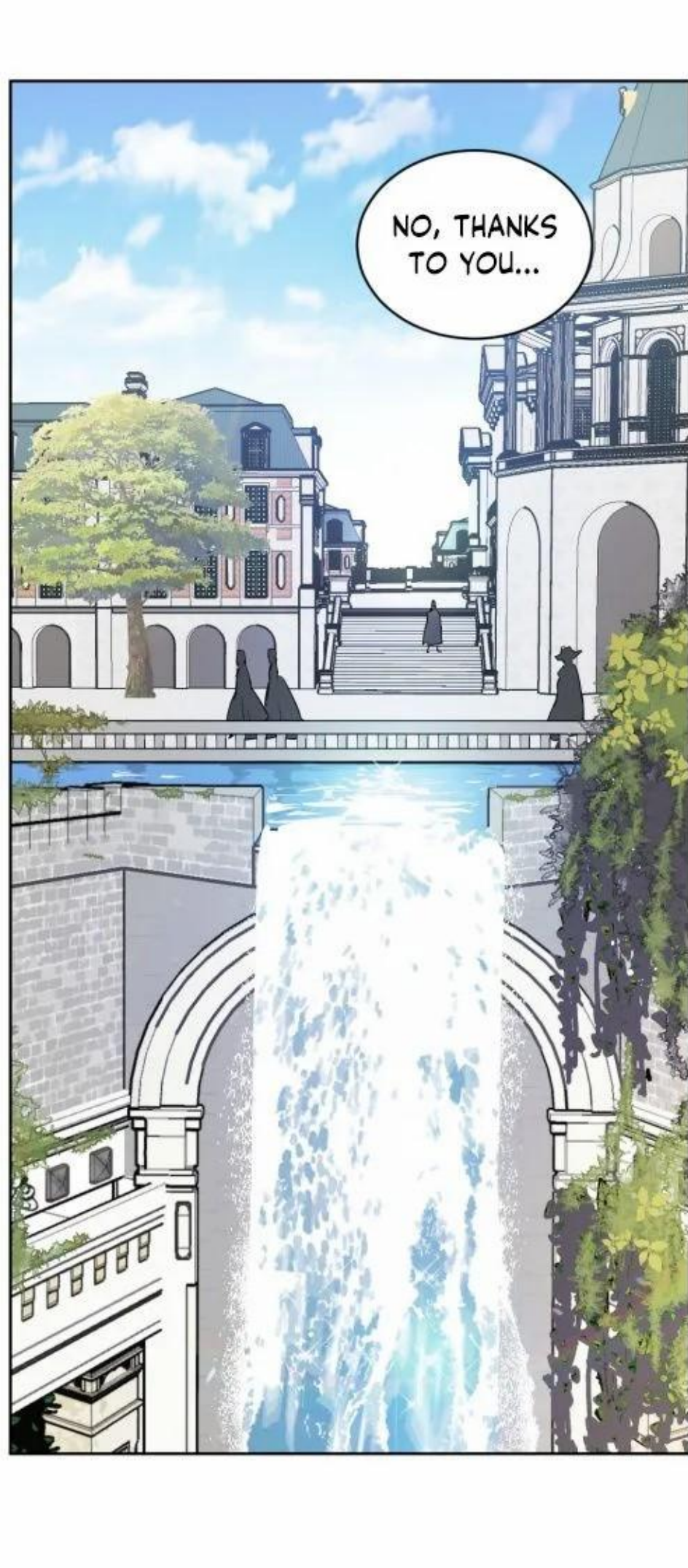




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SO...



YOU THINK WE'RE PLOTTING SOMETHING LARGE TO DRAG OUR ALLY, VESTIA, INTO THE WAR...

AND YOU WANT US TO SHARE OUR PLANS WITH YOU SO YOU CAN STRENGTHEN THE ESPELINDOS' POSITION IN THE IMPERIAL FAMILY?



HAHAHA.

WELL, WOULD YOU LOOK AT THAT? YOU SEEMED SO CONFIDENT AT THE MEETING EARLIER,



BUT YOU MUST HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN QUITE WORRIED.

...ALL YOUR DIRTY TRICKS IN THE PAST DID WORK ON US, AFTER ALL.

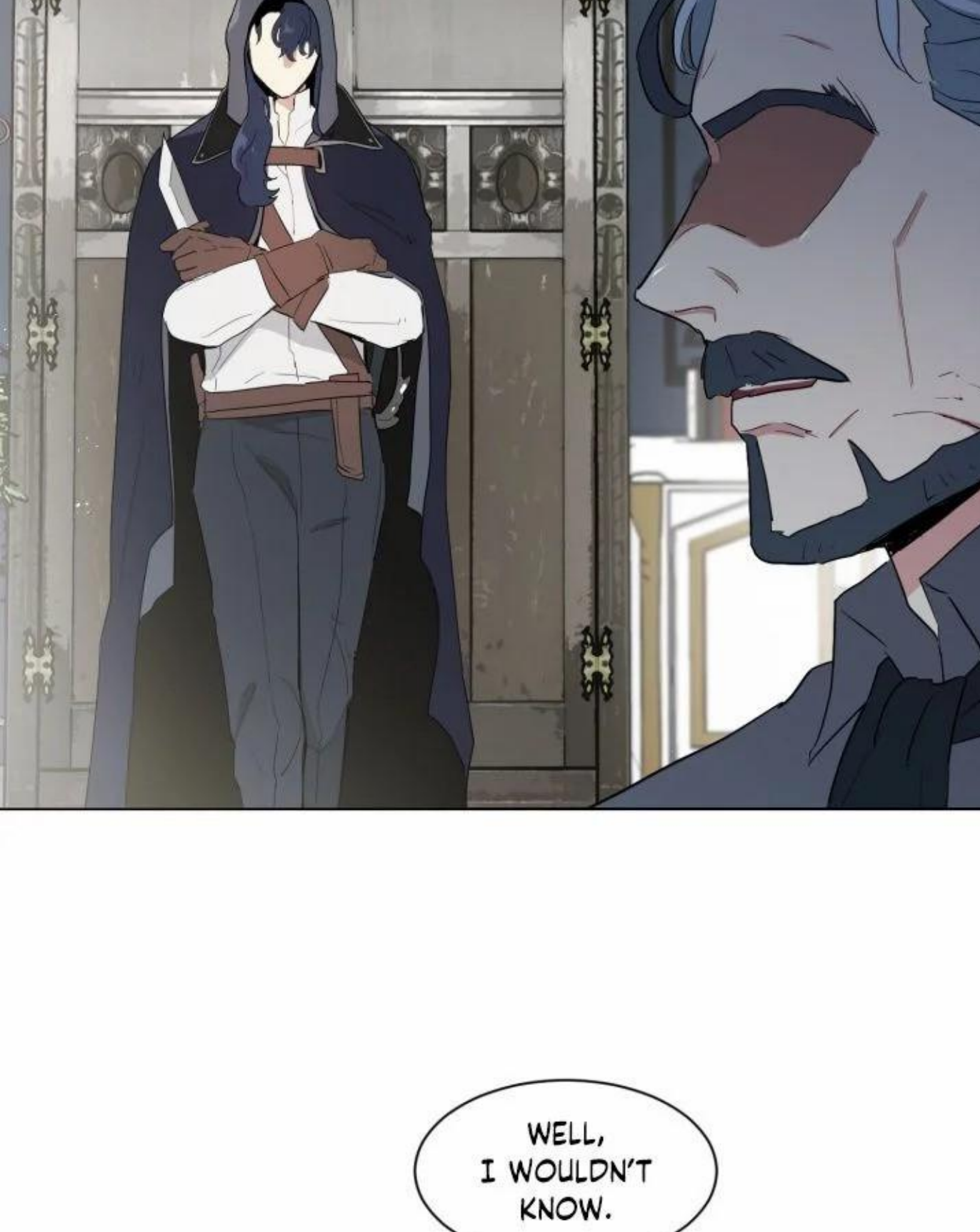


DO YOU-

SLAM



HAVE ANY EVIDENCE THAT WE'VE PLOTTED SOMETHING AGAIN?



WELL, I WOULDN'T KNOW.







...SHE HAS THAT SAME INFURIATING LOOK IN HER EYES, JUST LIKE THAT RAYBURN BASTARD. INSOLENT SCUM.



HMM, SO YOU'RE TRYING TO NEGOTIATE WITH ME?

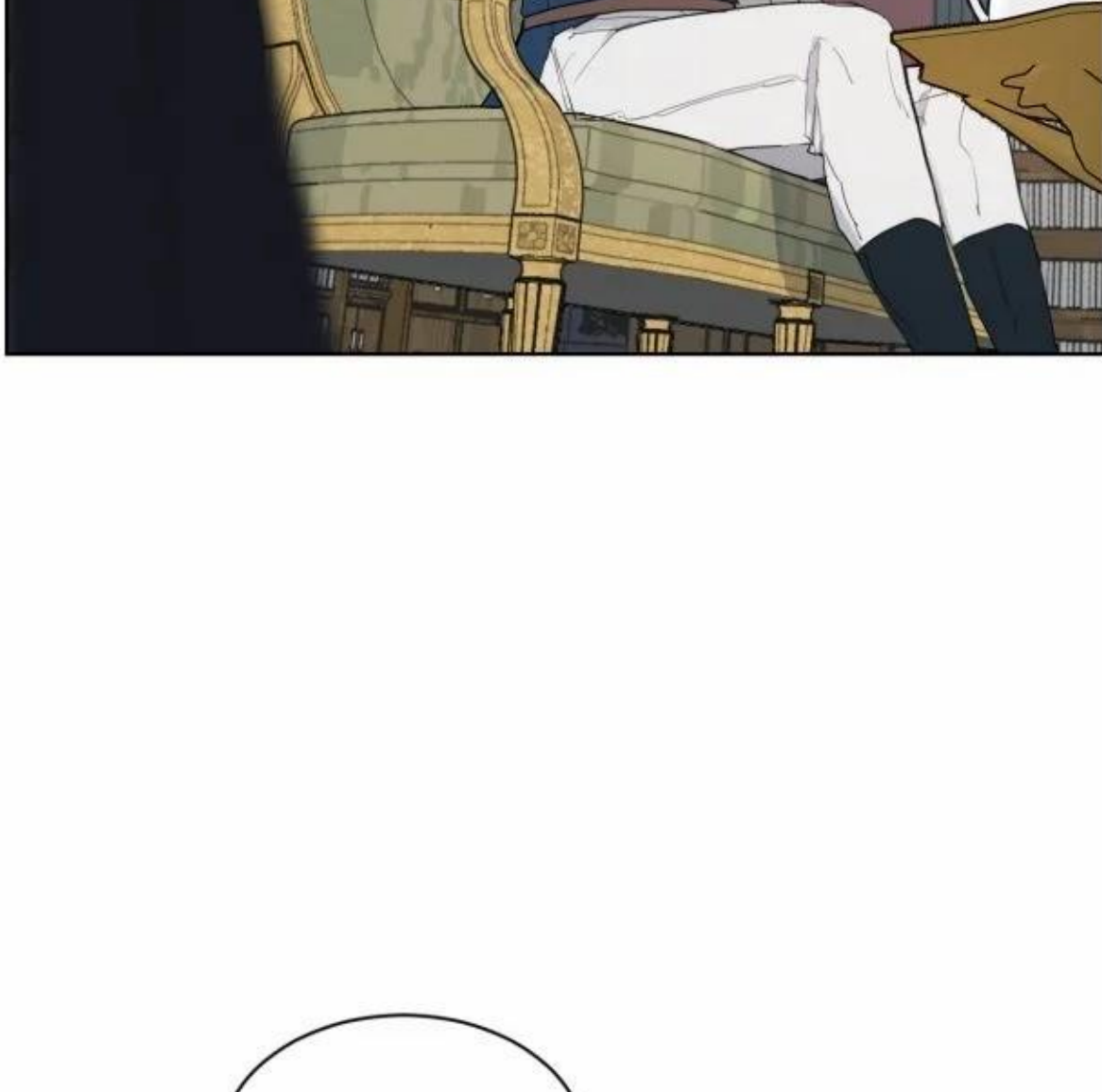
FOR YOU TO SUDDENLY APPROACH ME... I NEVER EXPECTED THIS.



I DON'T THINK I SHOULD BE HEARING THIS...

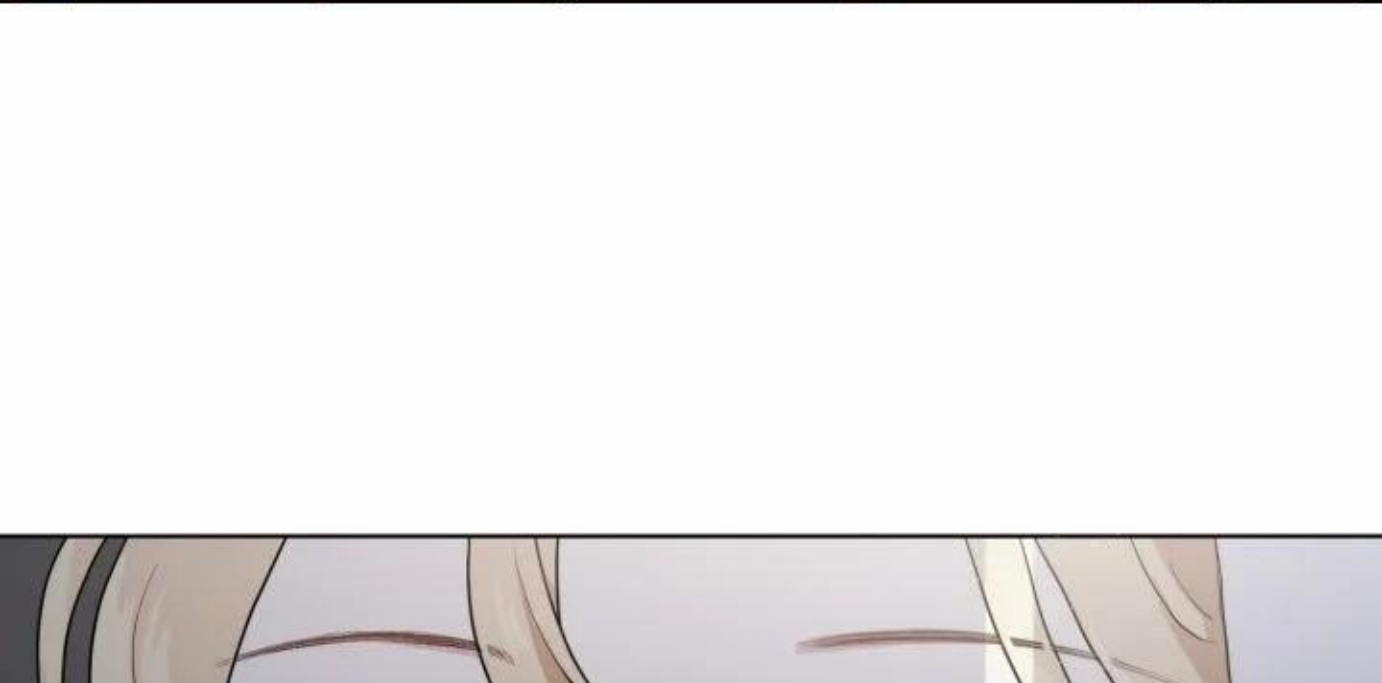
WELL, LET'S HEAR WHAT YOU'VE GOT. LET'S JUST SAY WE HAVE BEEN PLANNING SOMETHING.

IF I AGREE TO GIVE YOU THAT INFORMATION, WHAT WILL YOU GIVE ME IN RETURN, PRINCESS?



RAYBURN.

**FREEZE**



AT THE NEXT BATTLE, I'LL GIVE YOU RAYBURN'S HEAD.



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WHAT?

WHAT DID SHE  
JUST...

HAHAHA! I WAS  
WONDERING WHAT  
YOU WERE GOING  
ON ABOUT.

I NEVER TOOK  
YOU TO BE SUCH  
A JOKESTER,  
PRINCESS.

HAHA... I CAN'T  
BELIEVE I WASTED  
TIME ON A POINTLESS  
JOKE LIKE THIS.

LET'S LEAVE.

WHY WOULD I  
JOKE ABOUT AN  
OFFER LIKE THIS?

GENERAL, I THOUGHT  
YOU OF ALL PEOPLE  
WOULD UNDERSTAND.

FOR THE SAKE  
OF OUR FAMILY, THE  
LIVES OF OUR SIBLINGS  
MEAN NOTHING.

NOT TO MENTION,  
RAYBURN AND I HAVE  
HAD OUR FAIR SHARE  
OF DISPUTES.

YOU KNOW THAT  
RAYBURN LEFT THE MAIN  
ESTATE AND SET UP HIS  
OWN DOMAIN, RIGHT?

RECENTLY,  
HE'S EVEN BEEN  
IGNORING MY LETTERS,  
SO I HAD TO GET HIS  
GUARDS TO...

STOP, THAT'S  
ENOUGH.

I CAN'T  
LISTEN TO THIS  
ANYMORE.

TAP





THE DUKE'S CURRENT POSITION ISN'T EVEN A THREAT TO US TO BEGIN WITH. WE COULDN'T CARE LESS WHAT YOU TRY TO USE HIM FOR.

TSK... BESIDES, IF RAYBURN, THE PILLAR OF THE FAMILY, DISAPPEARS, WHO DO YOU THINK WOULD BE AFFECTED THE MOST?

RATHER, IT'S THE ESPELINDOS WHO...



RAISE<sup>ooo</sup>



DECLARE THE OFFICIAL DEATH

CUT

?!



OF PRINCESS HOYA ESPELINDO.



I'LL KILL RAYBURN AND TAKE HIS PLACE.







CLENCH

ALSO, GENERAL.



I'M SURE YOU WEREN'T  
WARY OF RAYBURN JUST BECAUSE  
OF HIS POSITION.



.....

...HA!



TWITCH

YOU'RE SAYING THAT  
YOU'LL ROLE PLAY?

HAHAHA!  
THEN WHAT ABOUT  
YOU, PRINCESS?



WHAT HAPPENS  
TO THE PRINCESS, THE  
OTHER PILLAR?



HESITANT



THE PRINCESS!

IS NOTHING  
BUT THE PRINCE'S  
SHADOW. SHE DOESN'T  
NEED TO EXIST.



YOU KNOW THIS  
AS WELL, GENERAL.

EVEN MY  
MOTHER TREATED  
ME AS A HINDRANCE  
TO OUR FAMILY.



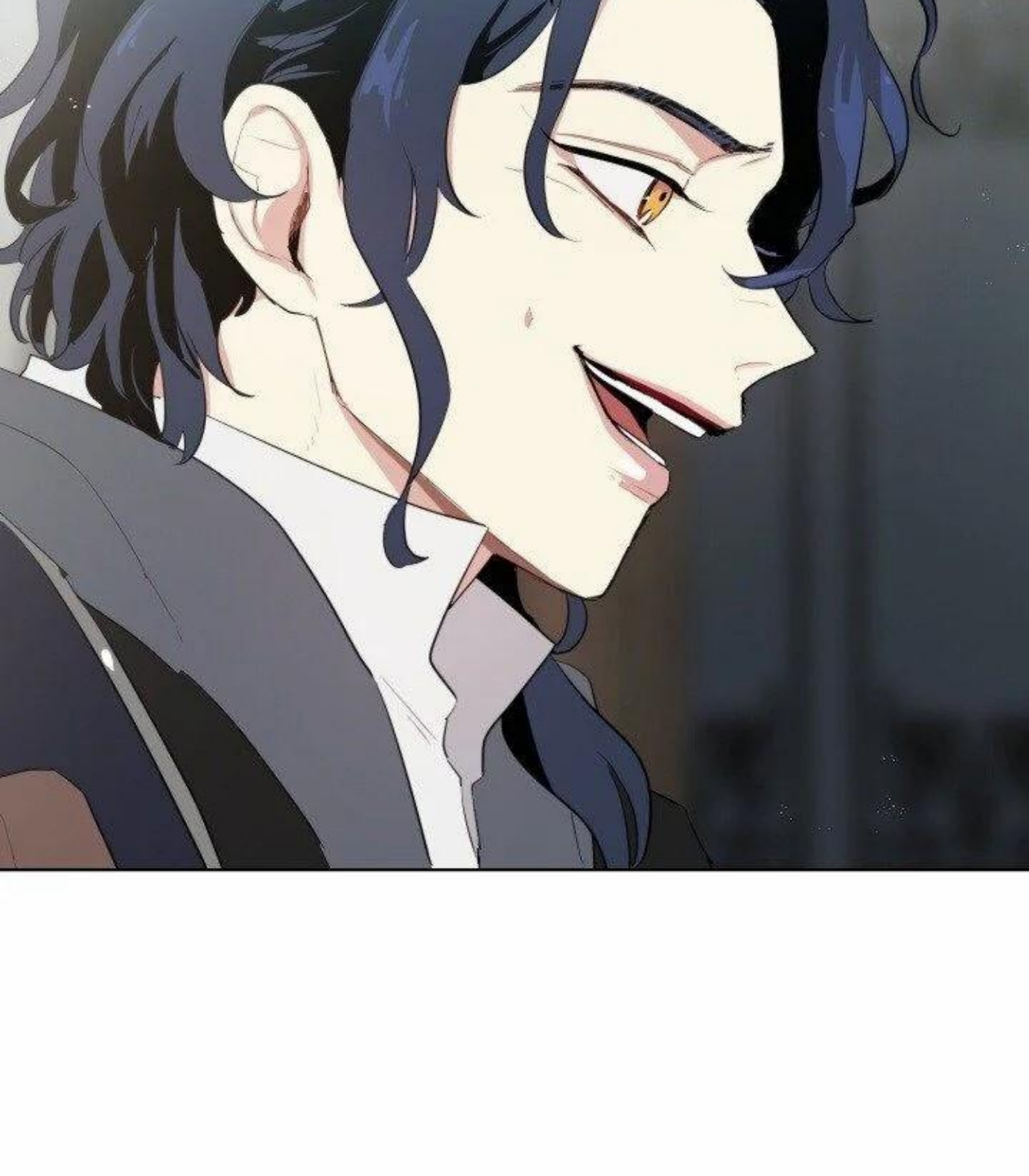




MOTHER ALWAYS SAID THAT I WAS THE REASON WHY RAYBURN COULDN'T CLIMB HIGHER,

THAT I WAS THE REASON WHY RUMORS SPREAD ABOUT THE TWINS.

JUST BECAUSE I, THE PRINCESS, WAS TWINS WITH THE PRINCE.



FUNNILY ENOUGH, I WAS THE ONE WHO CAME INTO THE WORLD FIRST.



THE PRINCESS NEVER NEEDED TO EXIST IN THE FIRST PLACE.

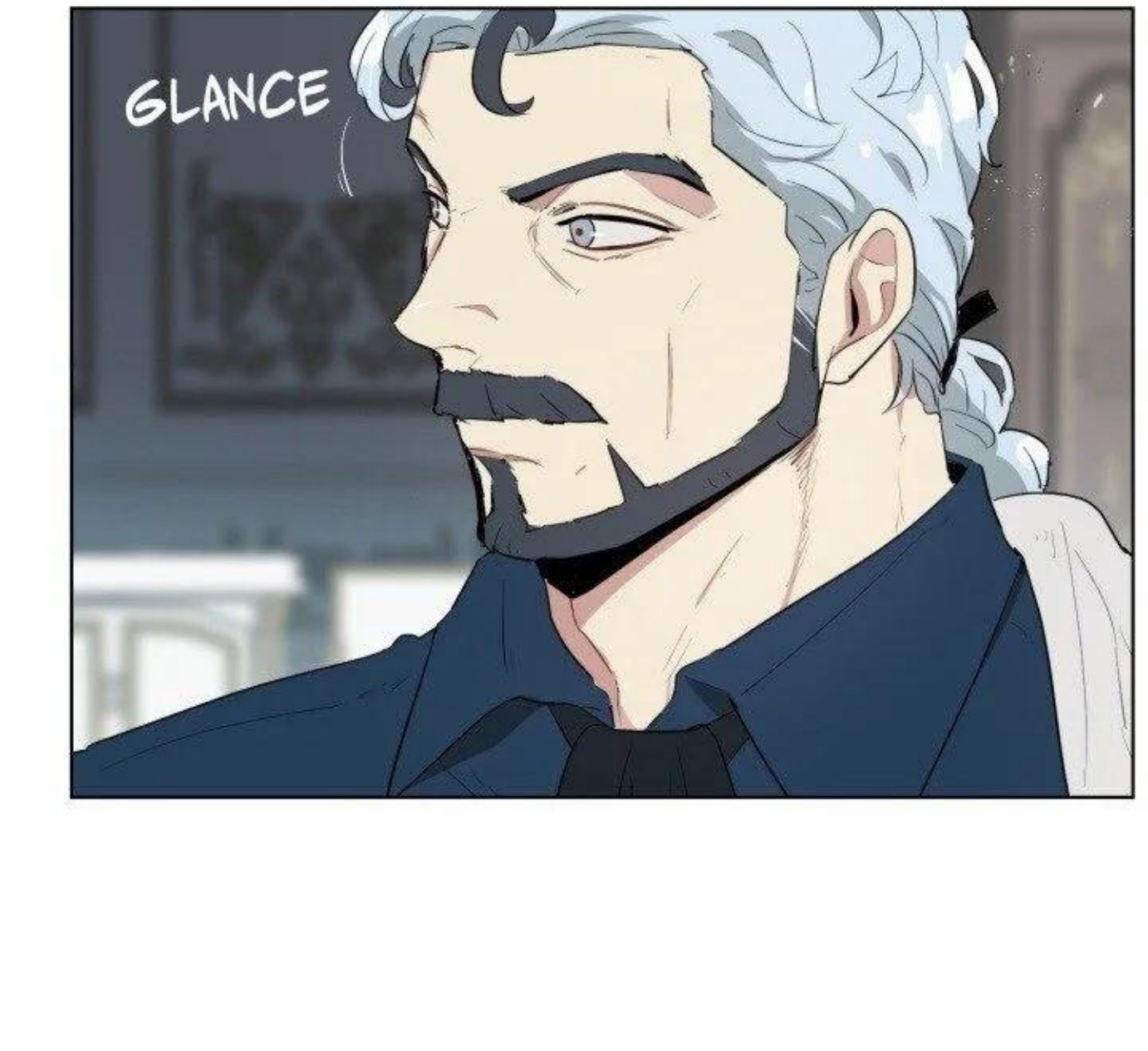
**CLENCH**

...SHE'S BEING SERIOUS.

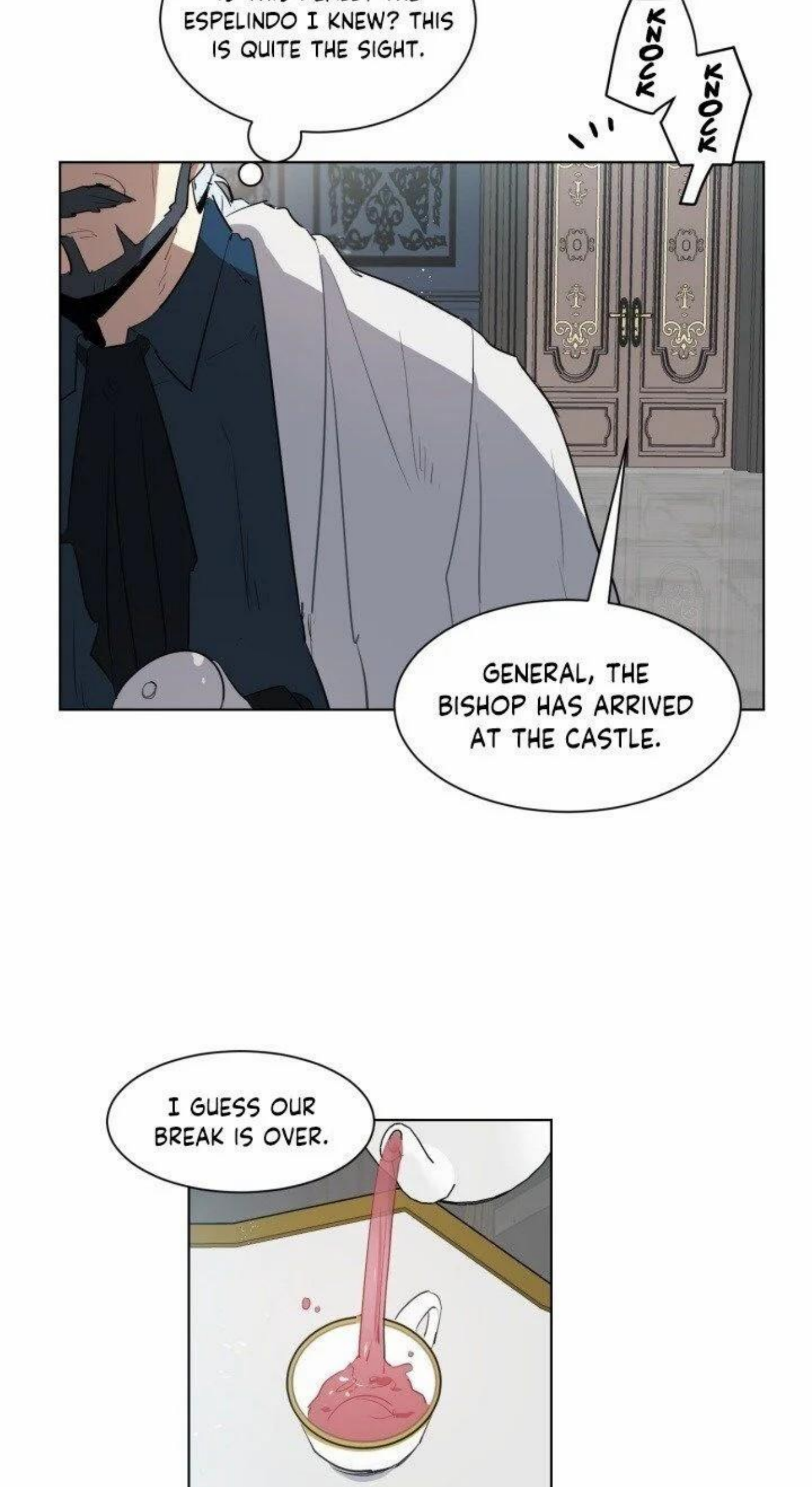
WELL, I KNEW THE PRINCESS WASN'T ONE TO JOKE AROUND.



NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, THEY WERE AT ODDS DURING THE LONG-AWAITED OFFICIAL BANQUET AS WELL.



**GLANCE**



IS THIS REALLY THE ESPELINDO I KNEW? THIS IS QUITE THE SIGHT.

**NOVA**

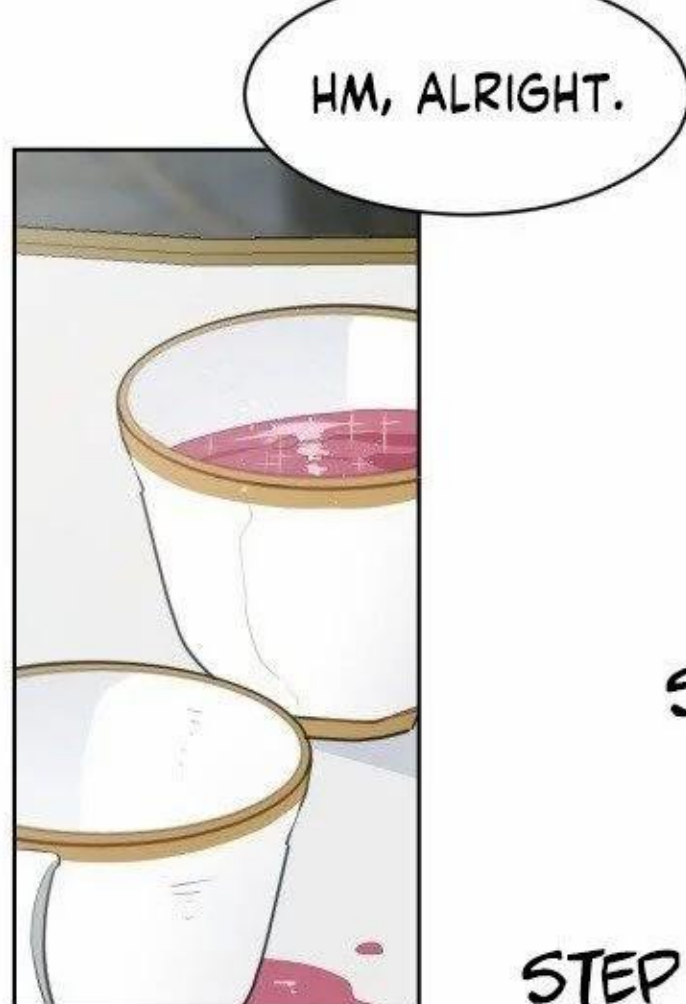
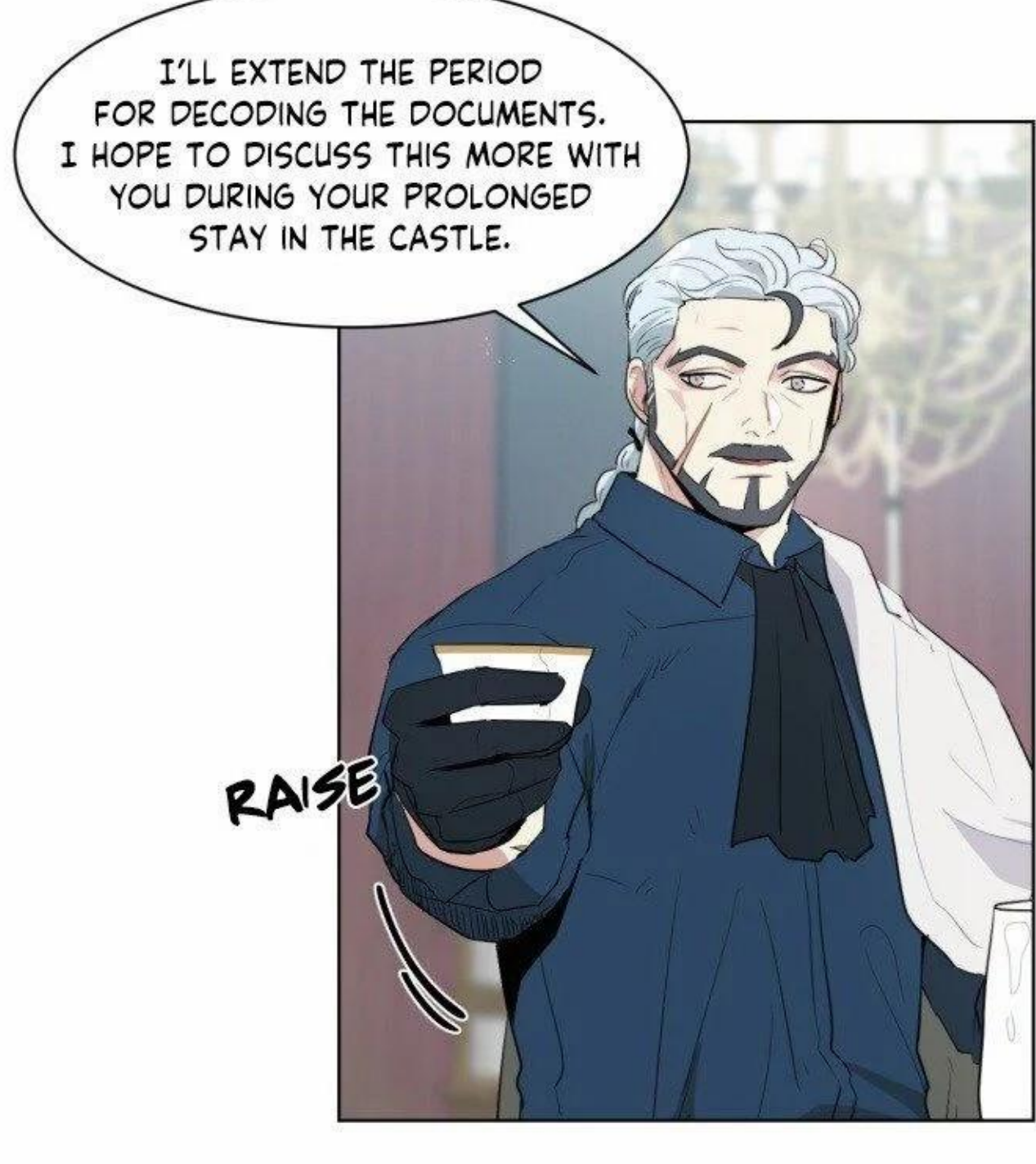
GENERAL, THE BISHOP HAS ARRIVED AT THE CASTLE.



I GUESS OUR BREAK IS OVER.

I DON'T BELIEVE THE WORDS OF AN ESPELINDO, BUT EVEN SO, I'M INTRIGUED BY YOUR CURRENT BEHAVIOR.







TAP



WHAT...

LOV LARSE

WHAT DID I JUST  
HEAR...???

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THIS IS THE FIRST  
TIME I'M SEEING YOU AFTER  
THE BANQUET, DUKE. I APOLOGIZE  
FOR THE MISUNDERSTANDING  
BACK THEN.

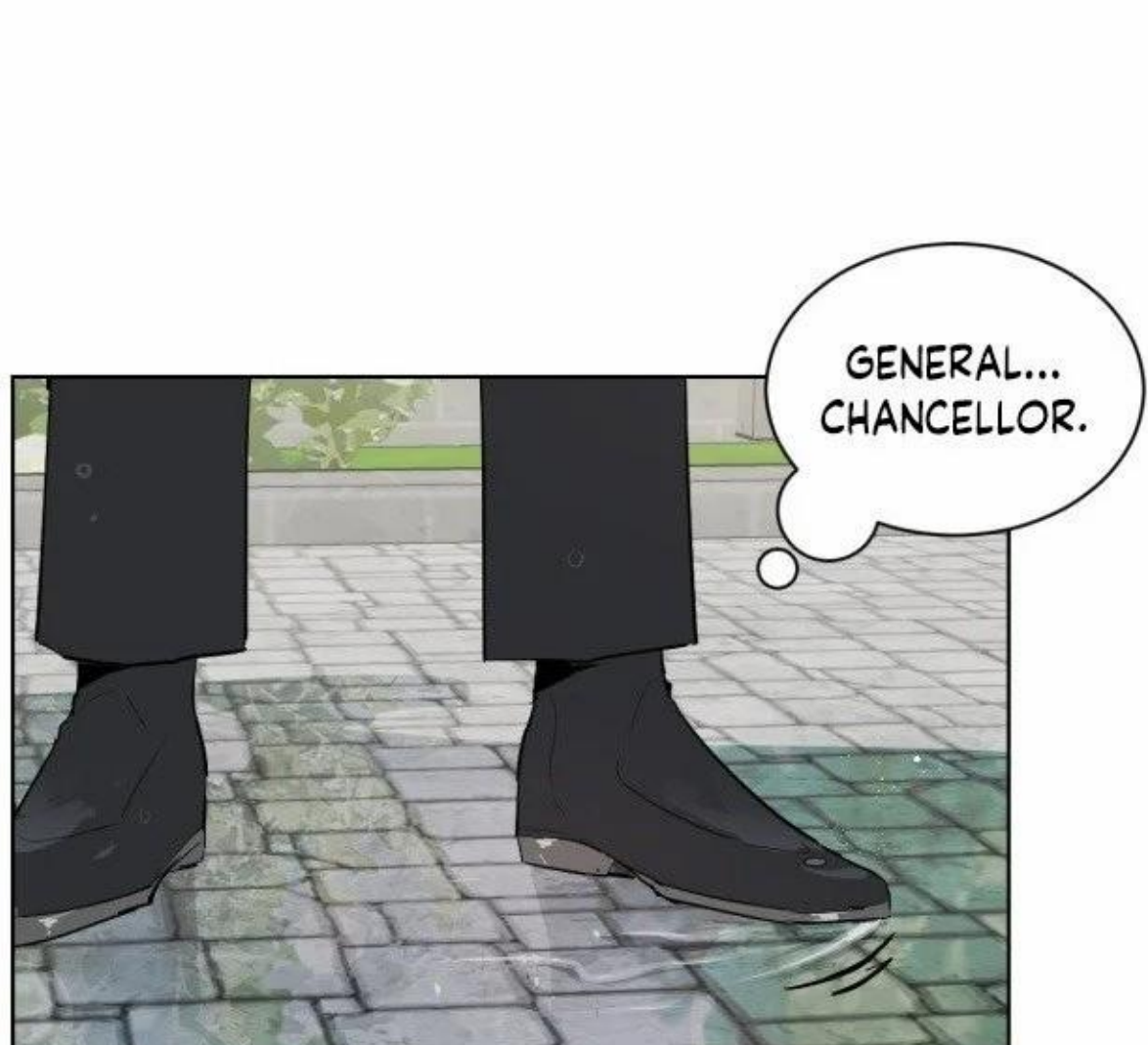
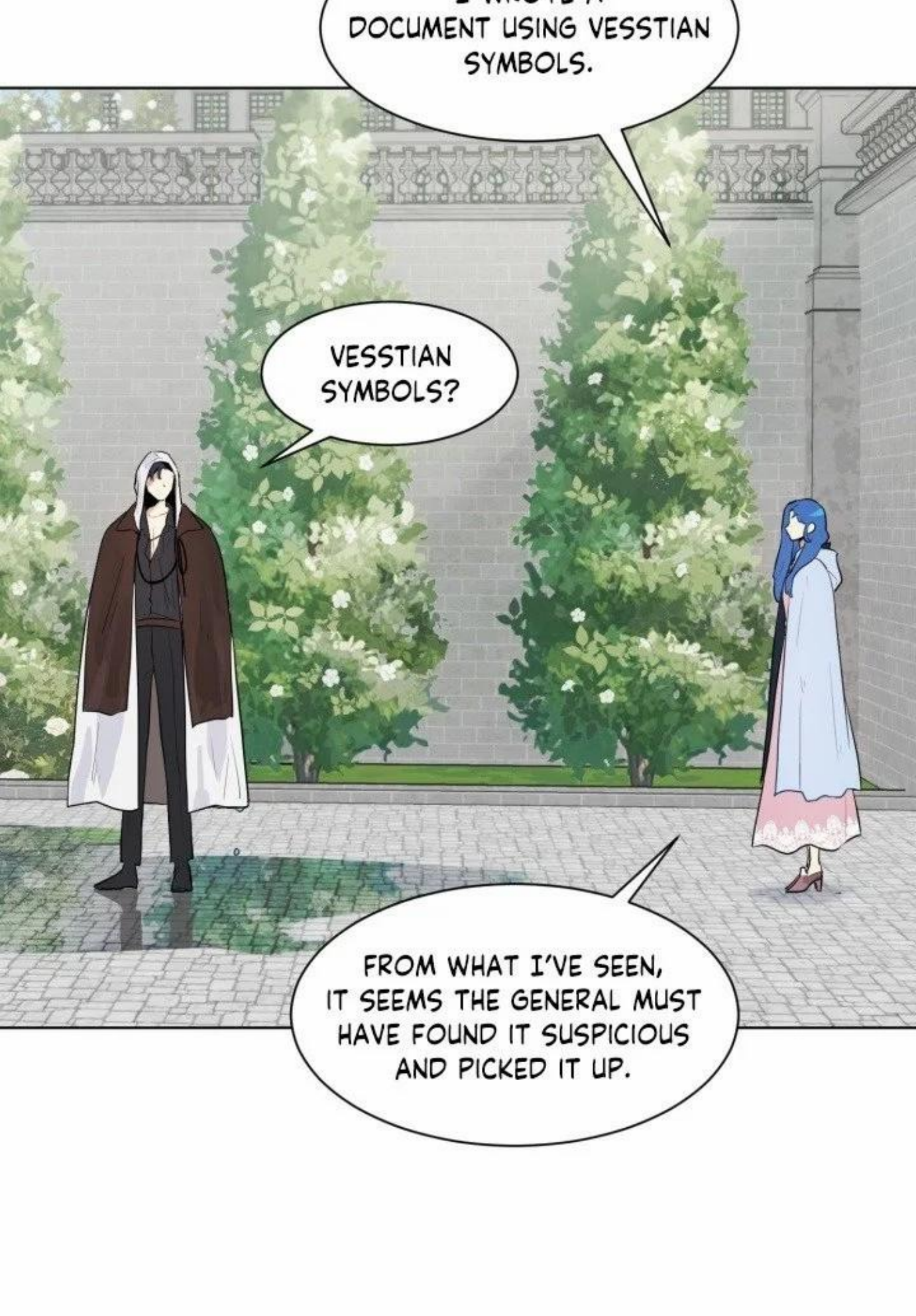
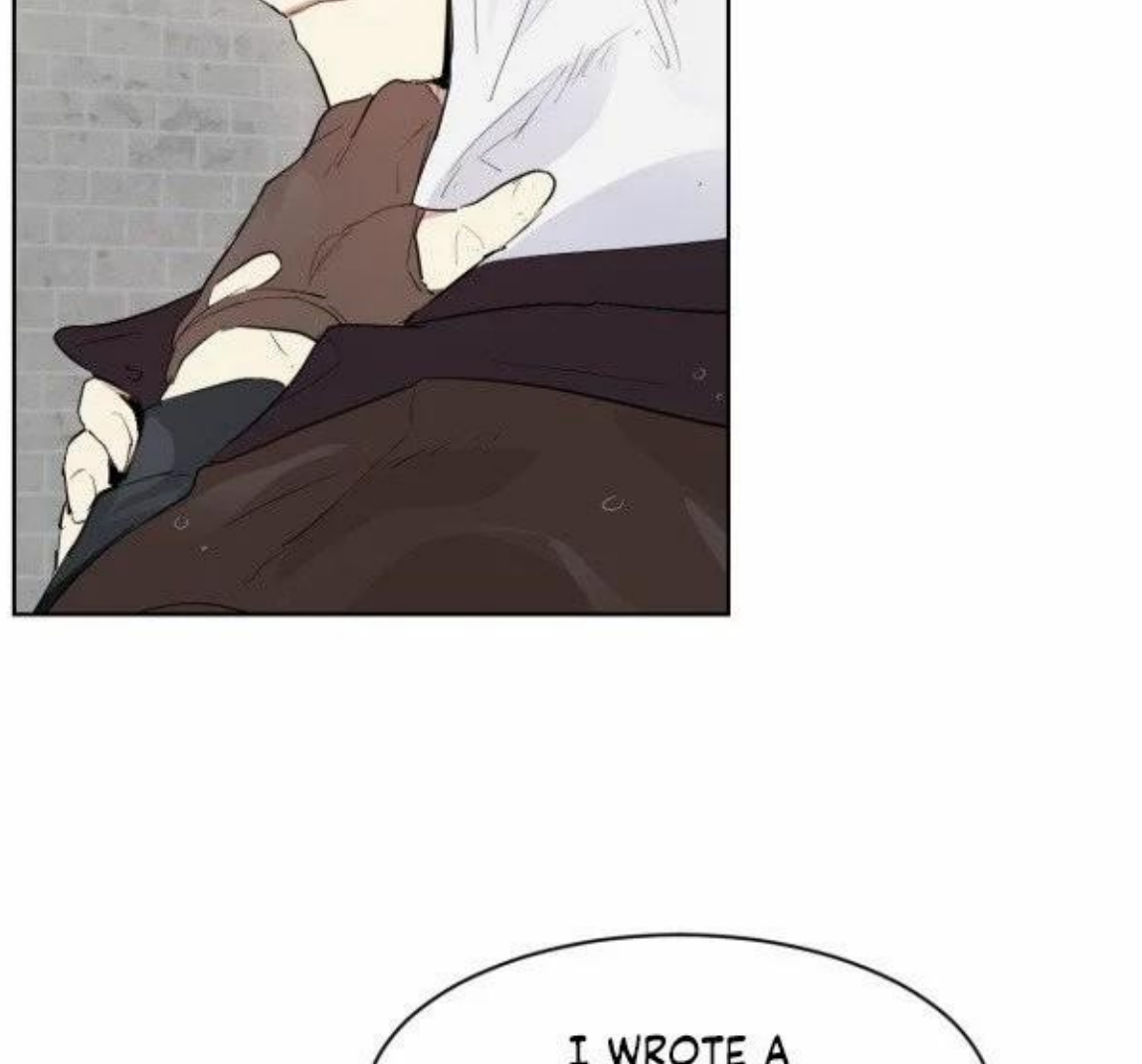
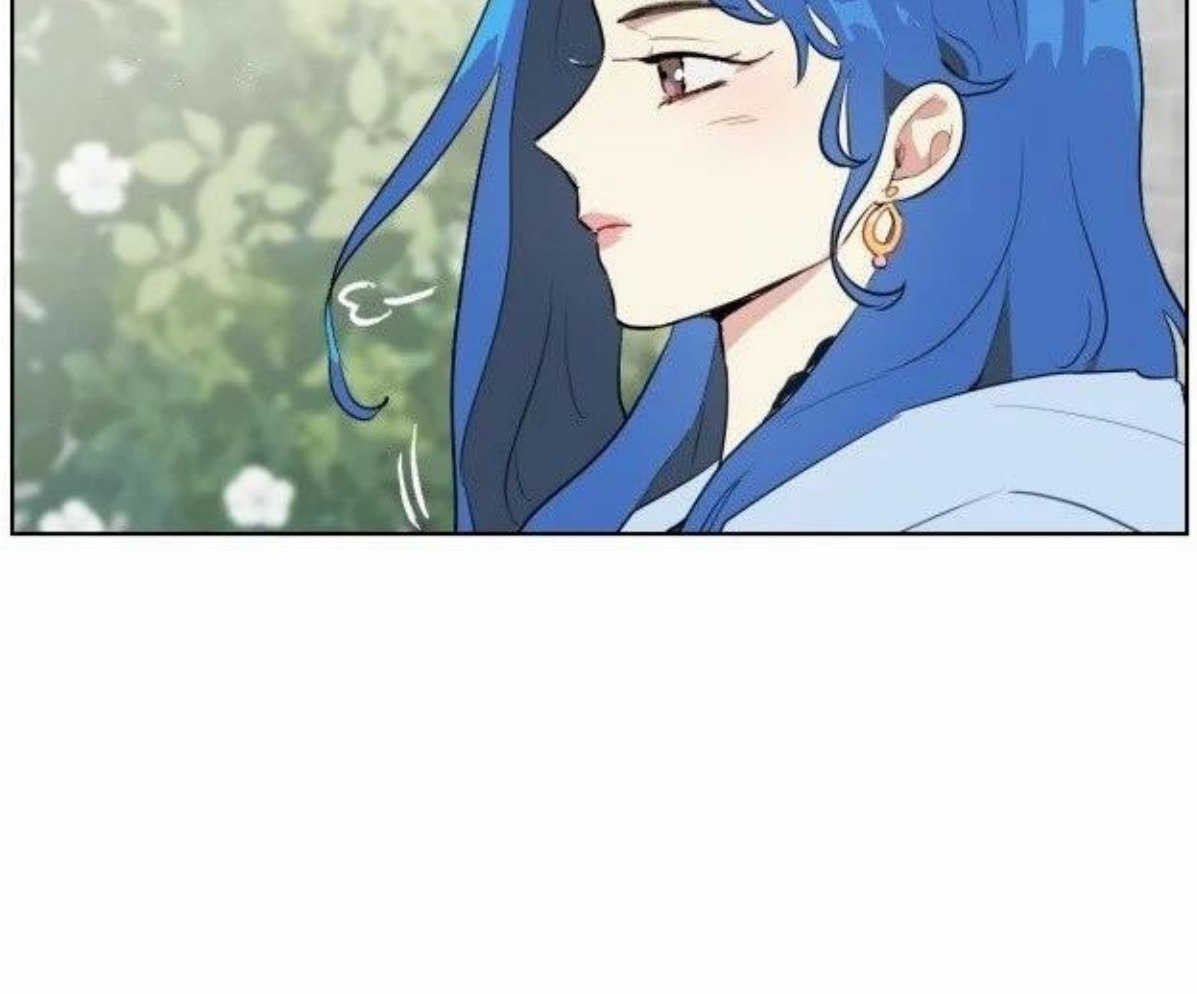
YOU DON'T  
HAVE TO WORRY  
ABOUT THAT.



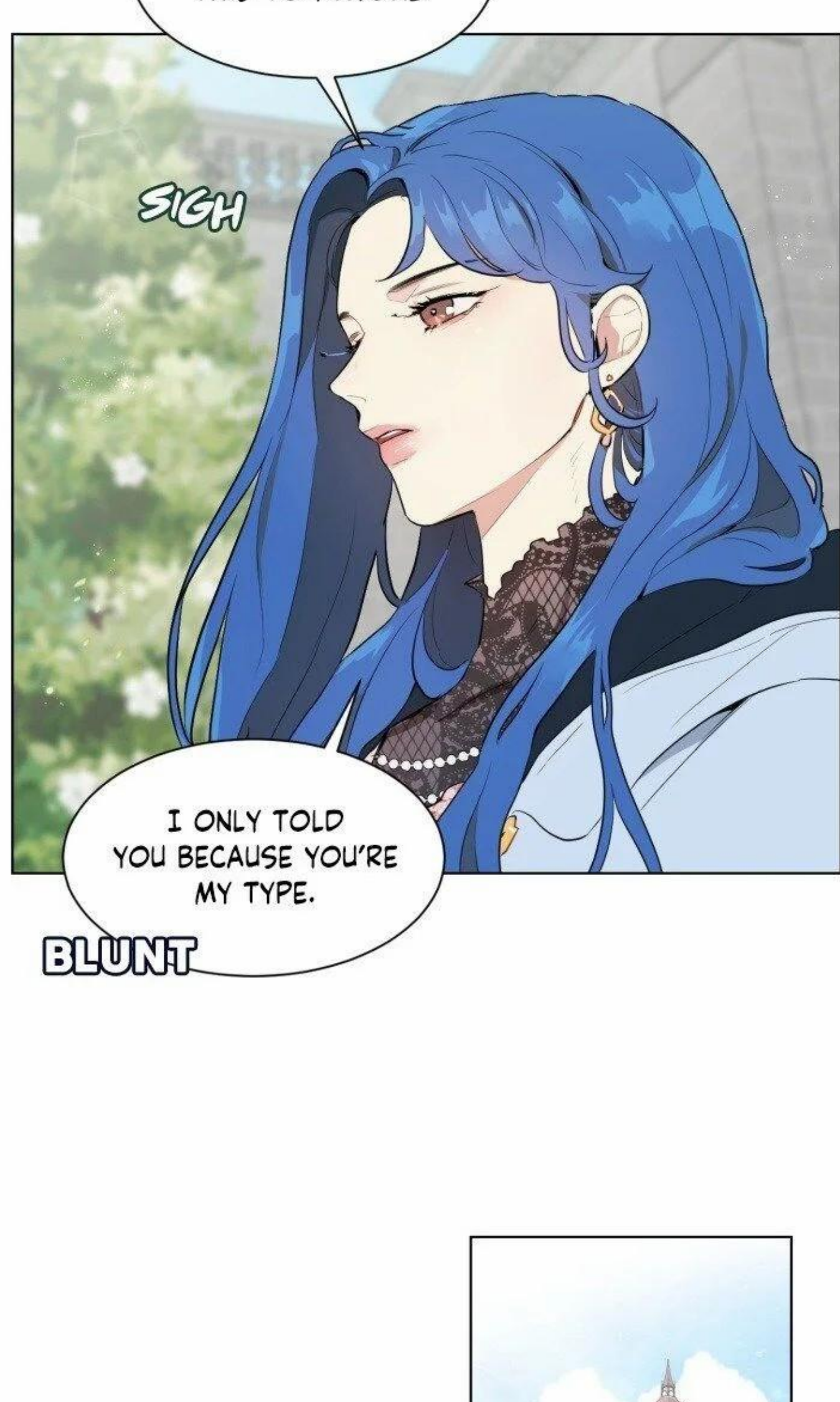




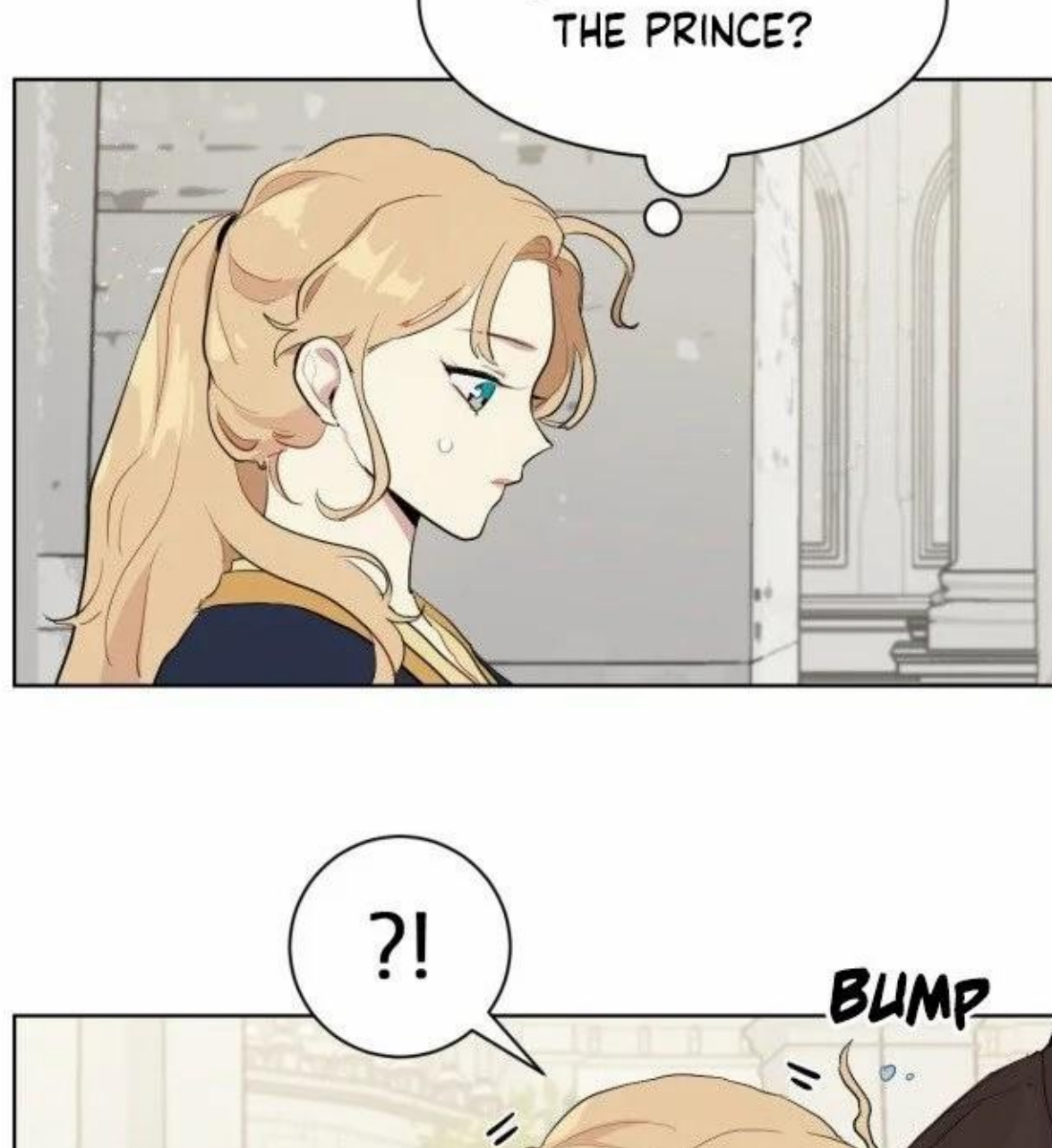
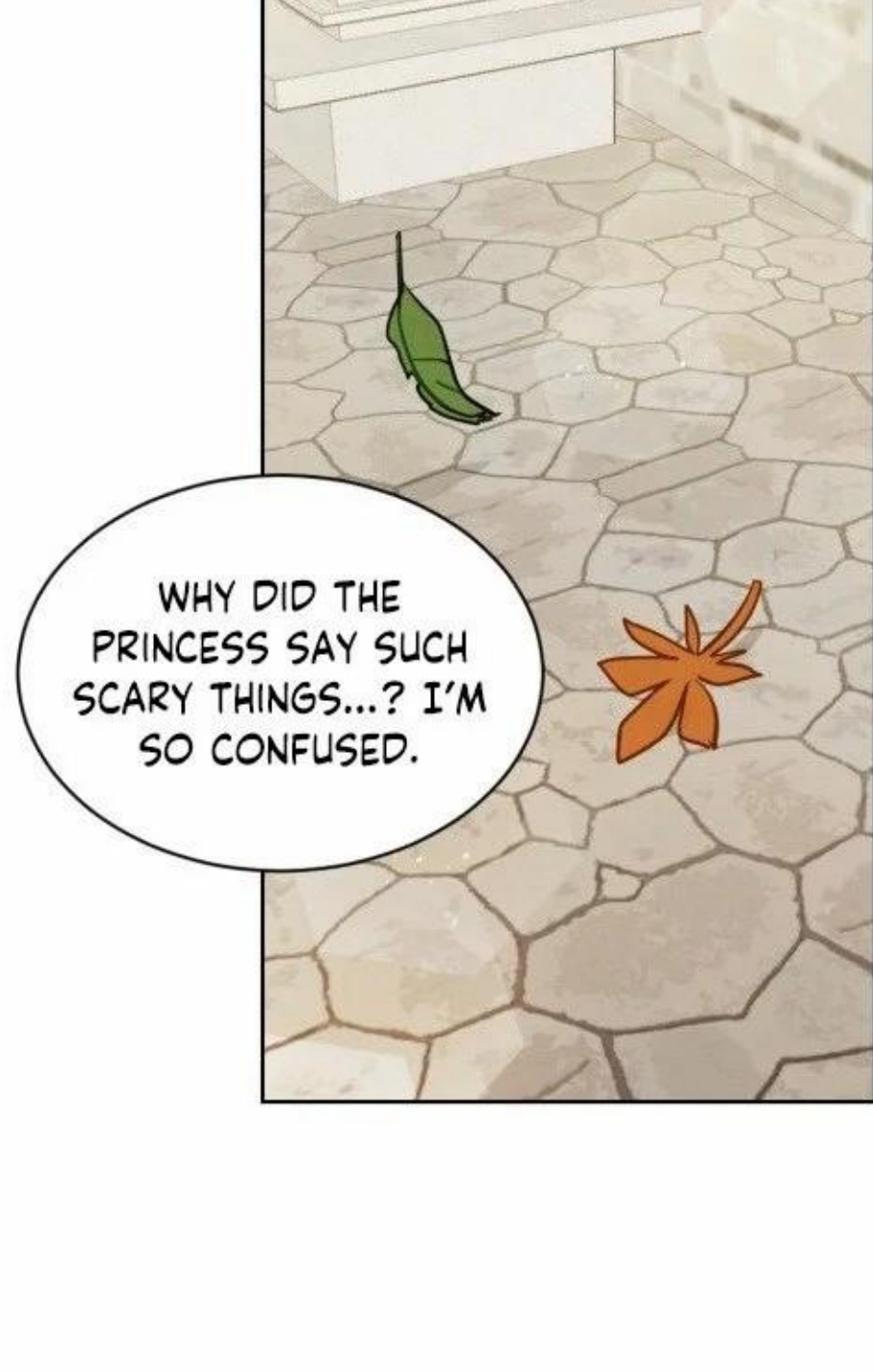
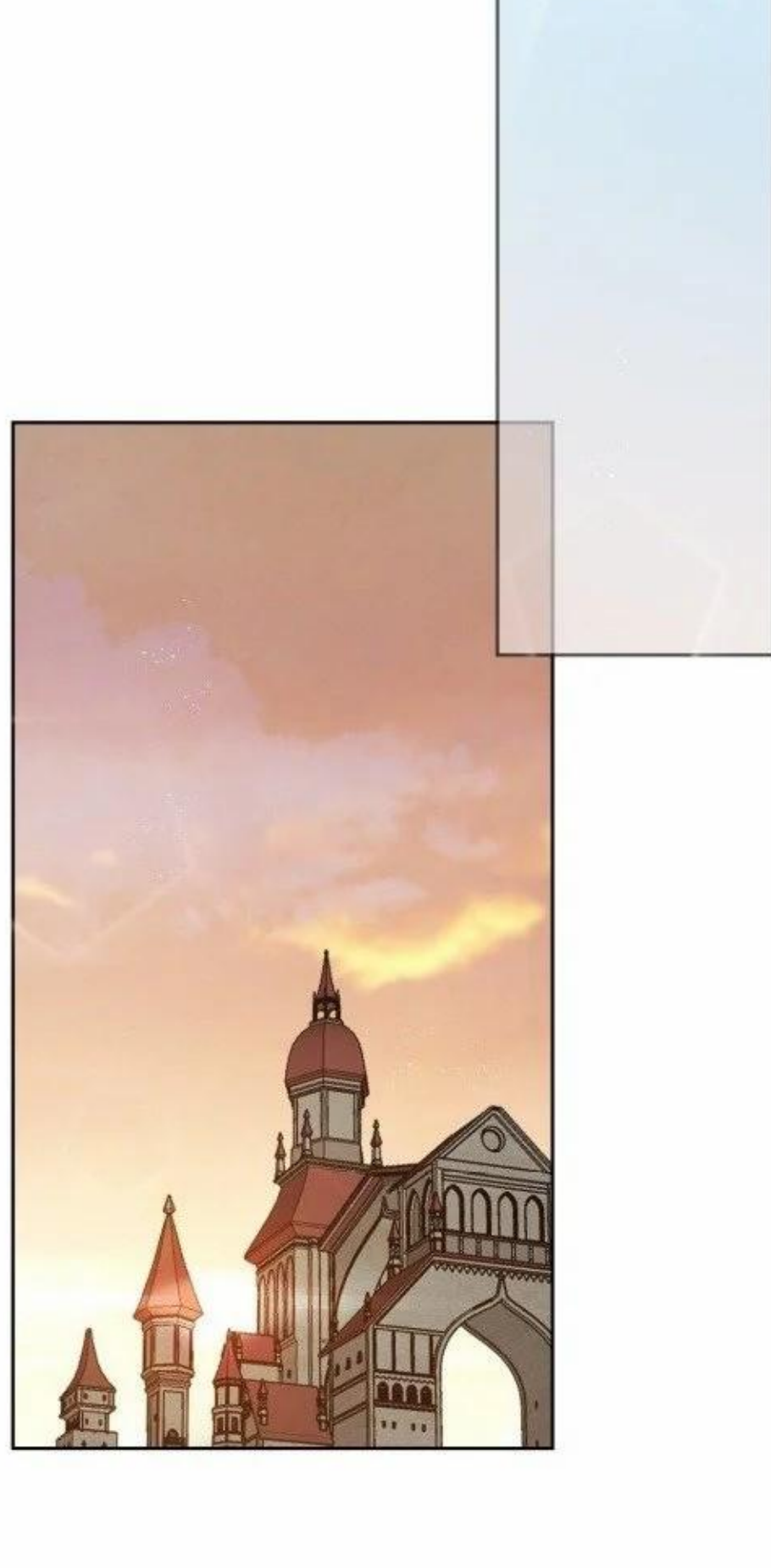
















OH.

MY GOODNESS, MY PRINCE!







YOU SHOULD HAVE VISITED YOUR ROOM TO GET CHANGED OR SOMETHING.

THIS IS TOO MUCH.



THERE ARE A LOT OF KNIGHTS AROUND MY ROOM, SO IT'S BEST NOT TO GO THERE.

HAAH, BUT STILL... YOUR BODY'S SO COLD RIGHT NOW...







THEN,



I'LL WARM UP IN  
YOUR ROOM.

GENTLE

QUIT NAGGING.



...OKAY.

BUT WE'LL HAVE  
TO GET LOST ON  
THE WAY THERE.

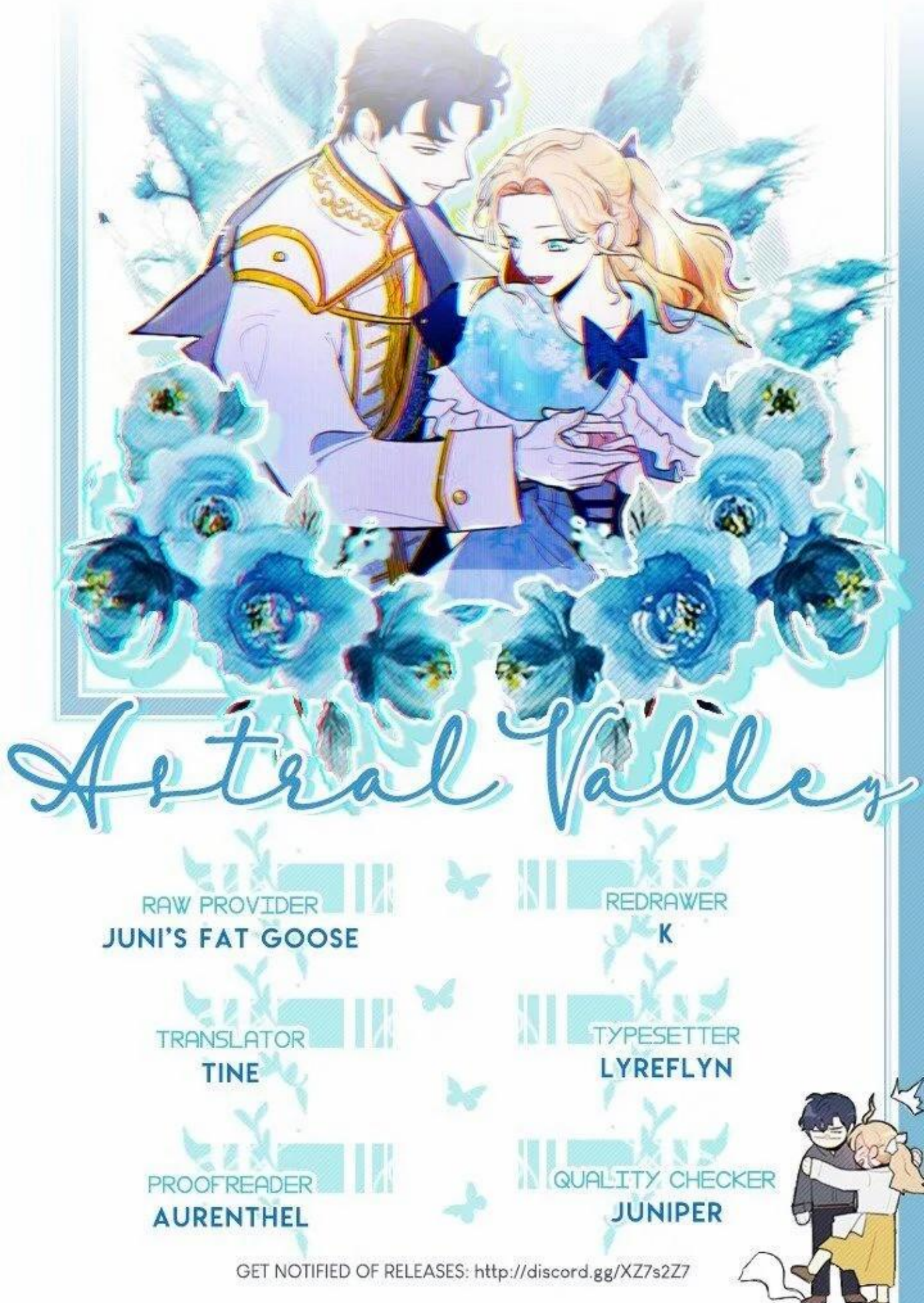


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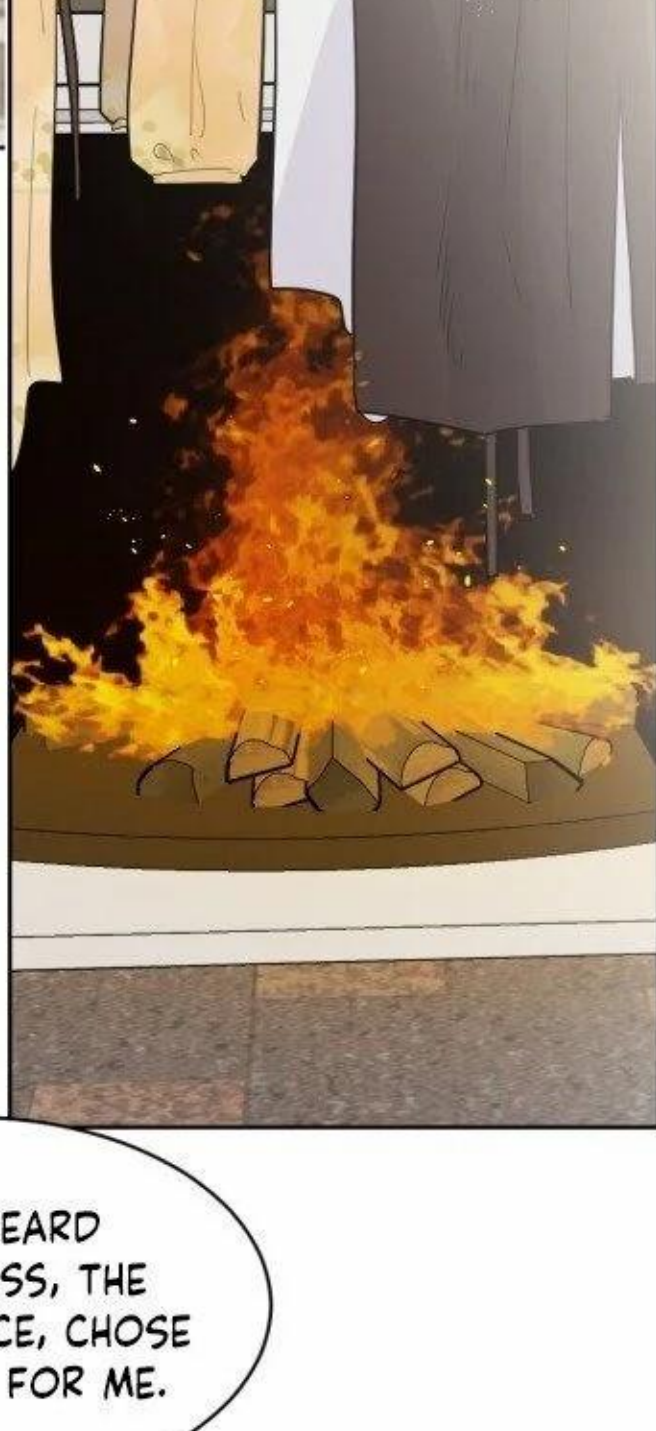
YOU KEPT WHINING  
ABOUT THE RATS AT  
THE MANSION.

BUT IT SEEMS LIKE  
YOU'VE BEEN ASSIGNED  
A NICE ROOM HERE.

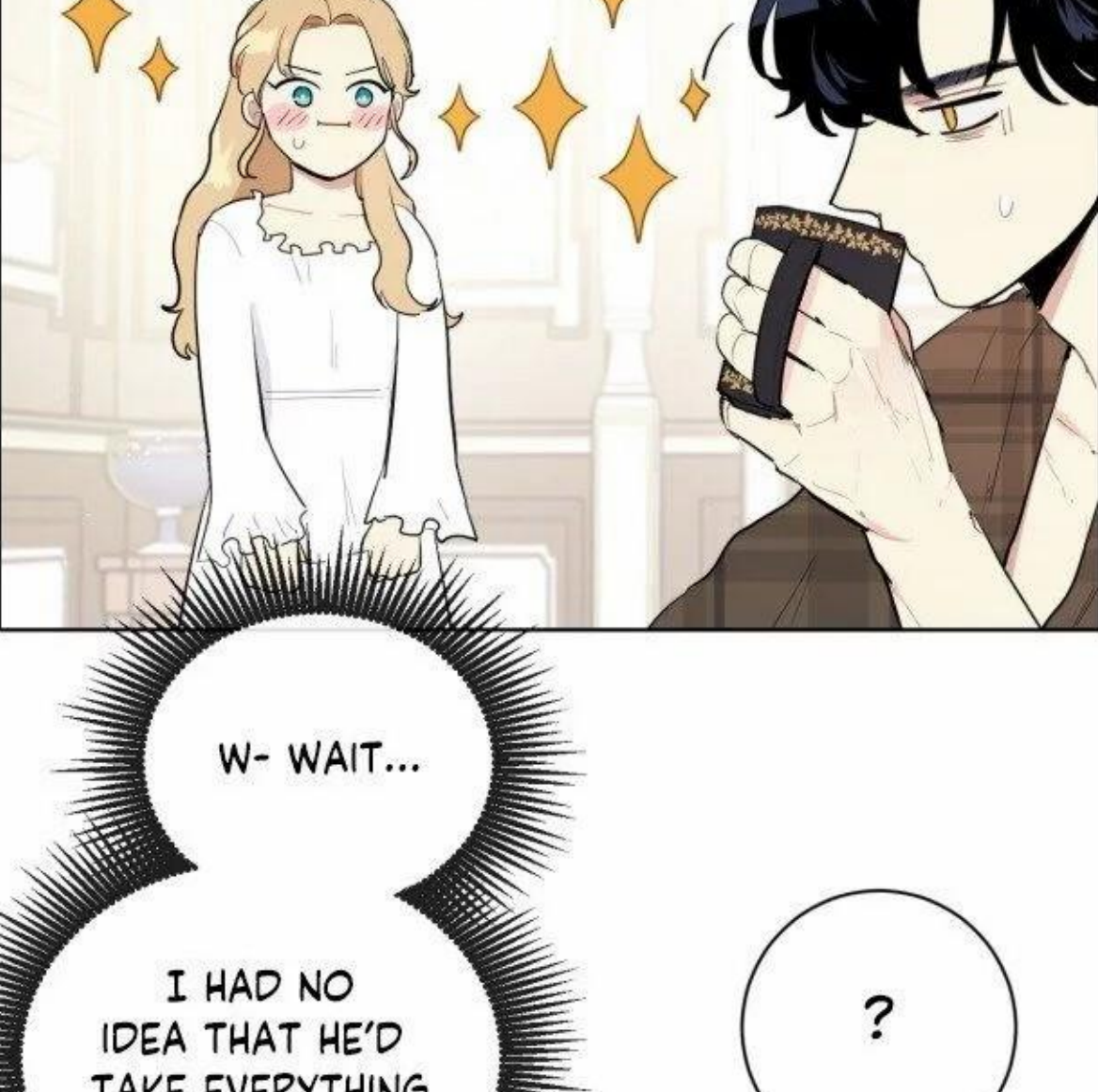


WELL, PROBABLY  
CAUSE YOU HAVE THE  
STATUS OF A SCHOLAR  
RIGHT NOW.

CRACKLE



YES, I HEARD  
HIS HIGHNESS, THE  
CROWN PRINCE, CHOSE  
THIS ROOM FOR ME.



W- WAIT...

I HAD NO  
IDEA THAT HE'D  
TAKE EVERYTHING  
OFF?!

?

FERDERIC DID?

I SHOULD'VE  
PRETENDED THAT  
I DIDN'T HAVE A  
BLANKET(?)



THOUGH LOOKING  
AT IT AGAIN, THE ROOM  
ISN'T THAT BIG. THERE ARE  
PLENTY OF BETTER ROOMS  
IN THE CASTLE.

ALSO, THE  
FIRE'S WEAK.

BLAZING



?!

THE FIRE LOOKS  
TOO STRONG TO  
ME THOUGH...?

THAT'S  
DISTRACTING.  
SIT DOWN.

AH, OKAY.



PAT

PAT

PAT

NOT THERE,  
COME HERE...

LEND ME YOUR  
WARMTH...

YESSIR!

ZOOM

.....











...

COME TO THINK OF IT,  
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE  
YOU CAME BACK.



...RIGHT.

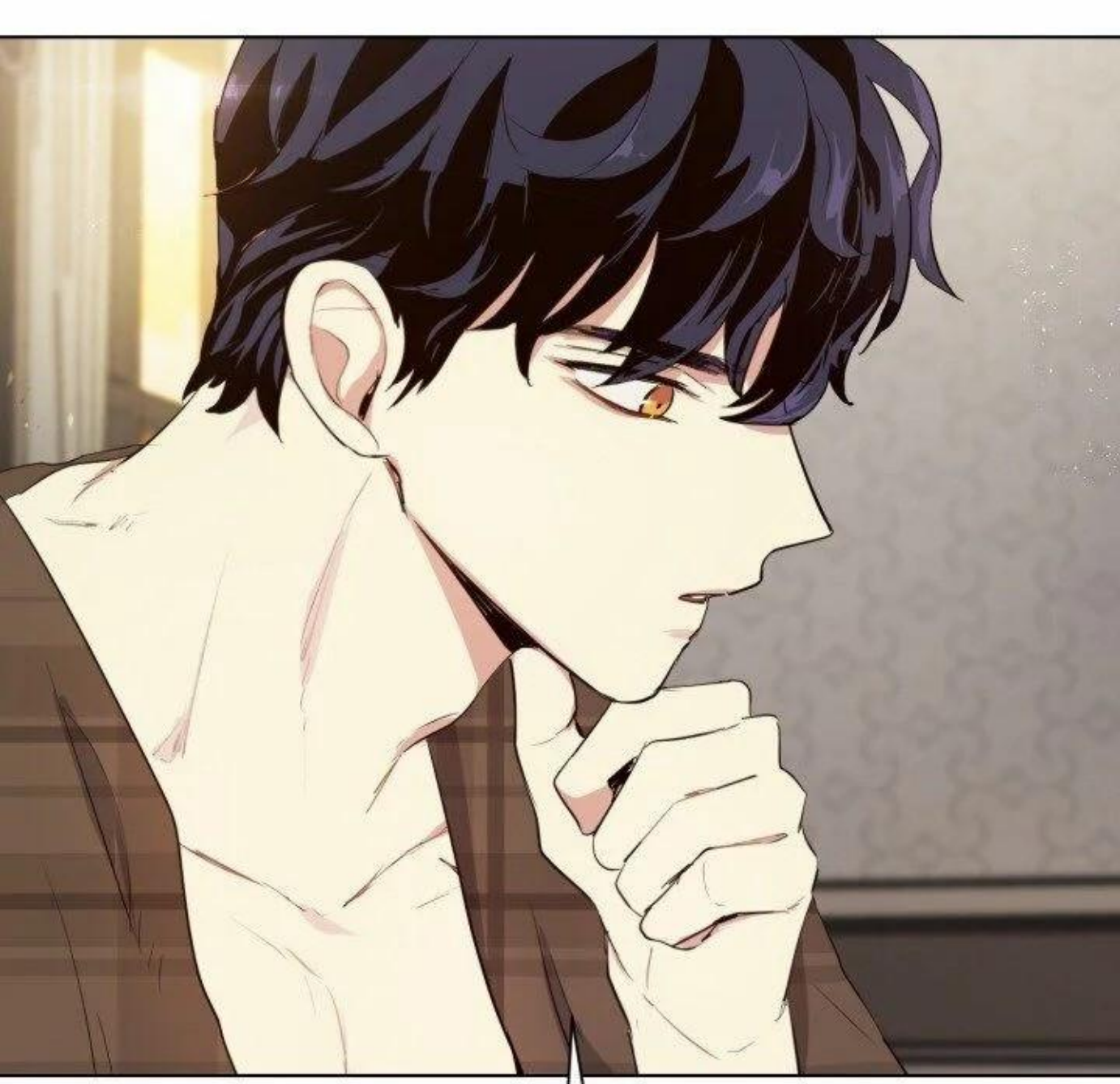
ACTUALLY, I HAD  
WANTED TO TALK TO YOU  
ABOUT THAT TIME.



! WHEN... OH, DO  
YOU MEAN WHEN WE  
WERE BY OURSELVES  
AT THE MANSION?

NO.

ABOUT A  
TIME EARLIER  
THAN THAT.



WHEN I WAS THE  
CROWN PRINCE OF THE  
LUDEXT EMPIRE,

AND YOU  
WERE...



A SLAVE?

A SLAVE?!

I- I'M...!

THE SOLE  
PRINCESS OF THE  
LUDEXT EMPIRE!

YOU MUST  
HAVE HEARD  
OF HER... OF  
THE TWINS?

?



DOES SHE  
WANT TO DIE?



I SNUCK OUT  
FOR SOME FRESH AIR  
WITHOUT MY SERVANTS  
KNOWING, SO HELP ME  
HIDE FOR A BIT.

IF YOU DO,  
I'LL GIVE YOU  
A BIG PRESENT  
NEXT TIME...



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CHATTER

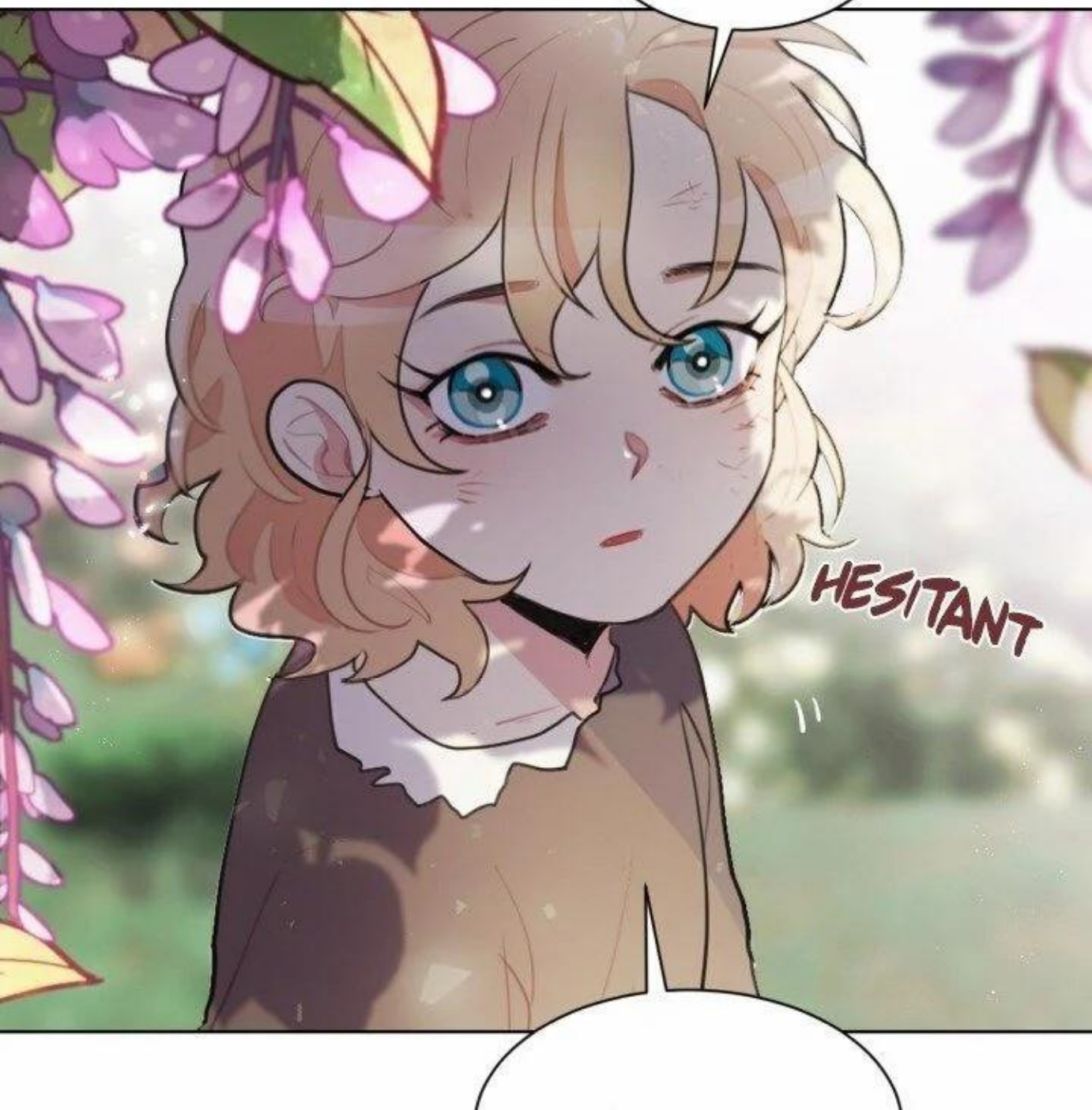
SHE COULDN'T  
HAVE GOTTEN  
VERY FAR.



I CAN'T  
BELIEVE SHE JUMPED  
OUT OF THE CARRIAGE.  
AGH, I ALREADY PAID  
FOR HER...

I SHOULD'VE BROKEN  
ONE OF HER LEGS.

.....



HESITANT

PLEASE HELP ME.



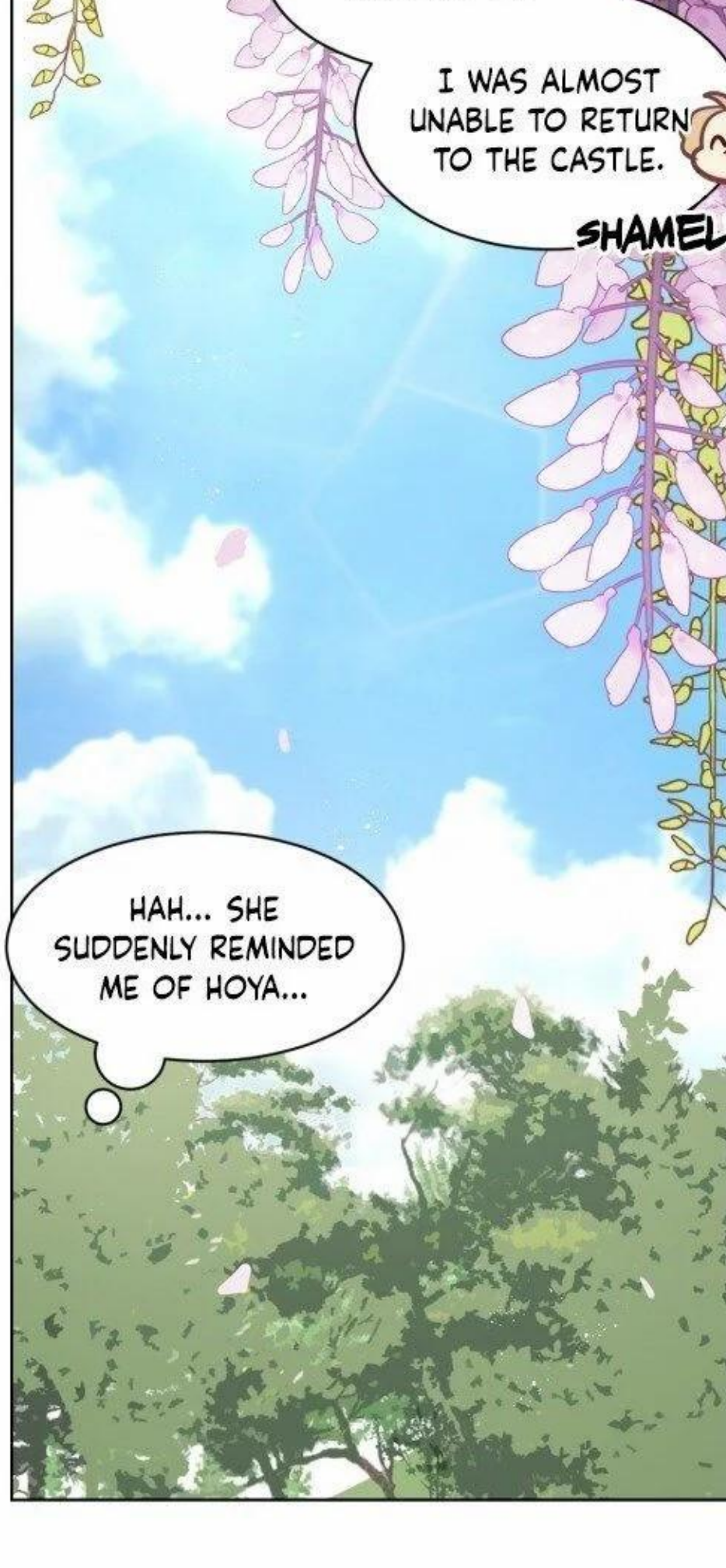
AS YOU WISH.



YOUR  
HIGHNESS (?)



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IT MUST HAVE  
FELT STUFFY STUCK  
IN THE CAGE.



BREEZE



FLUTTER







...SHE'S NOT HERE TODAY.

I'LL BE ABLE TO REST PEACEFULLY...

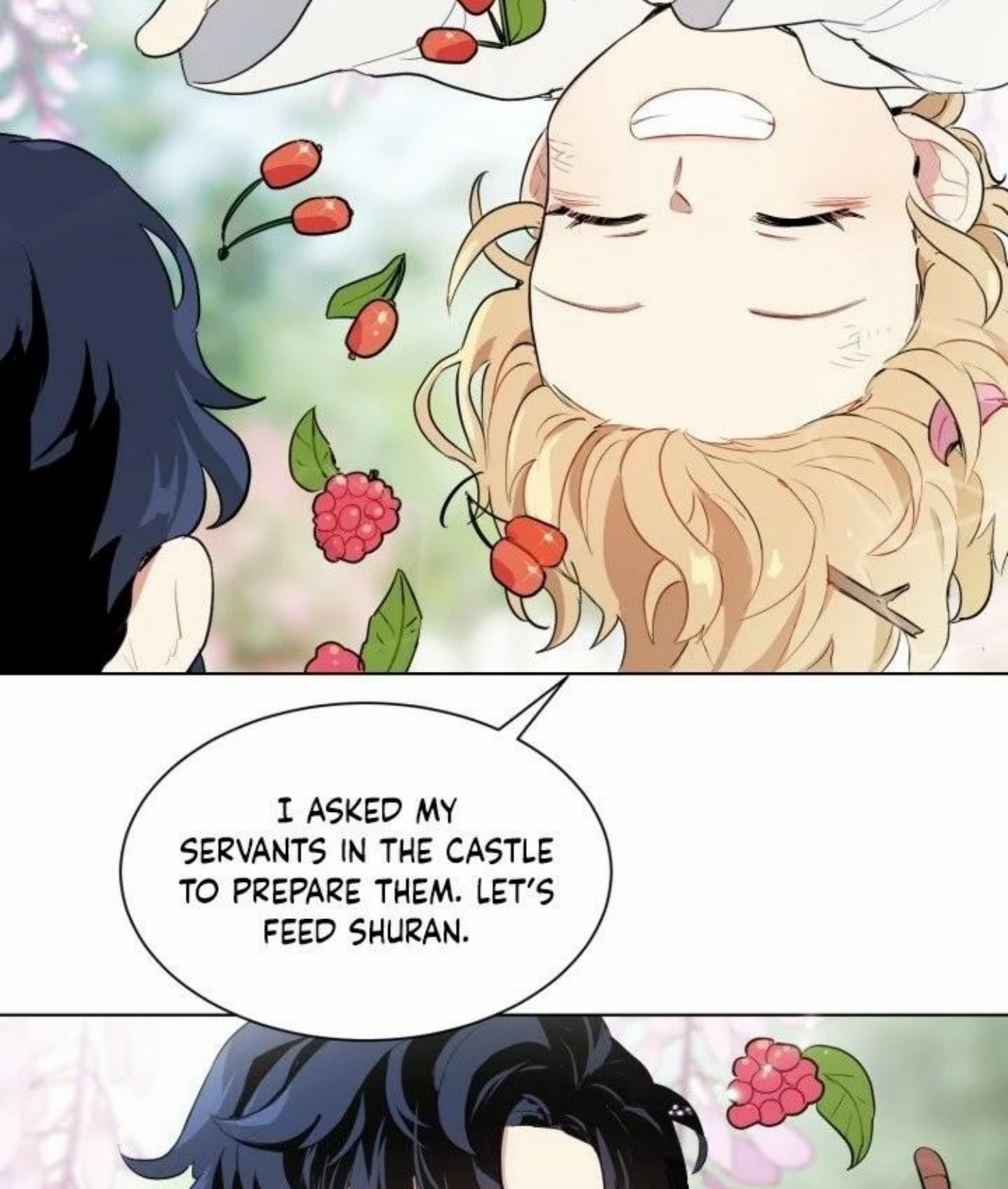


WHY ARE YOU SO LATE! I WAS WAITING FOR YOU FOR DAYS!



TAKE THESE.

THE PRESENT I WAS TALKING ABOUT LAST TIME.



I ASKED MY SERVANTS IN THE CASTLE TO PREPARE THEM. LET'S FEED SHURAN.



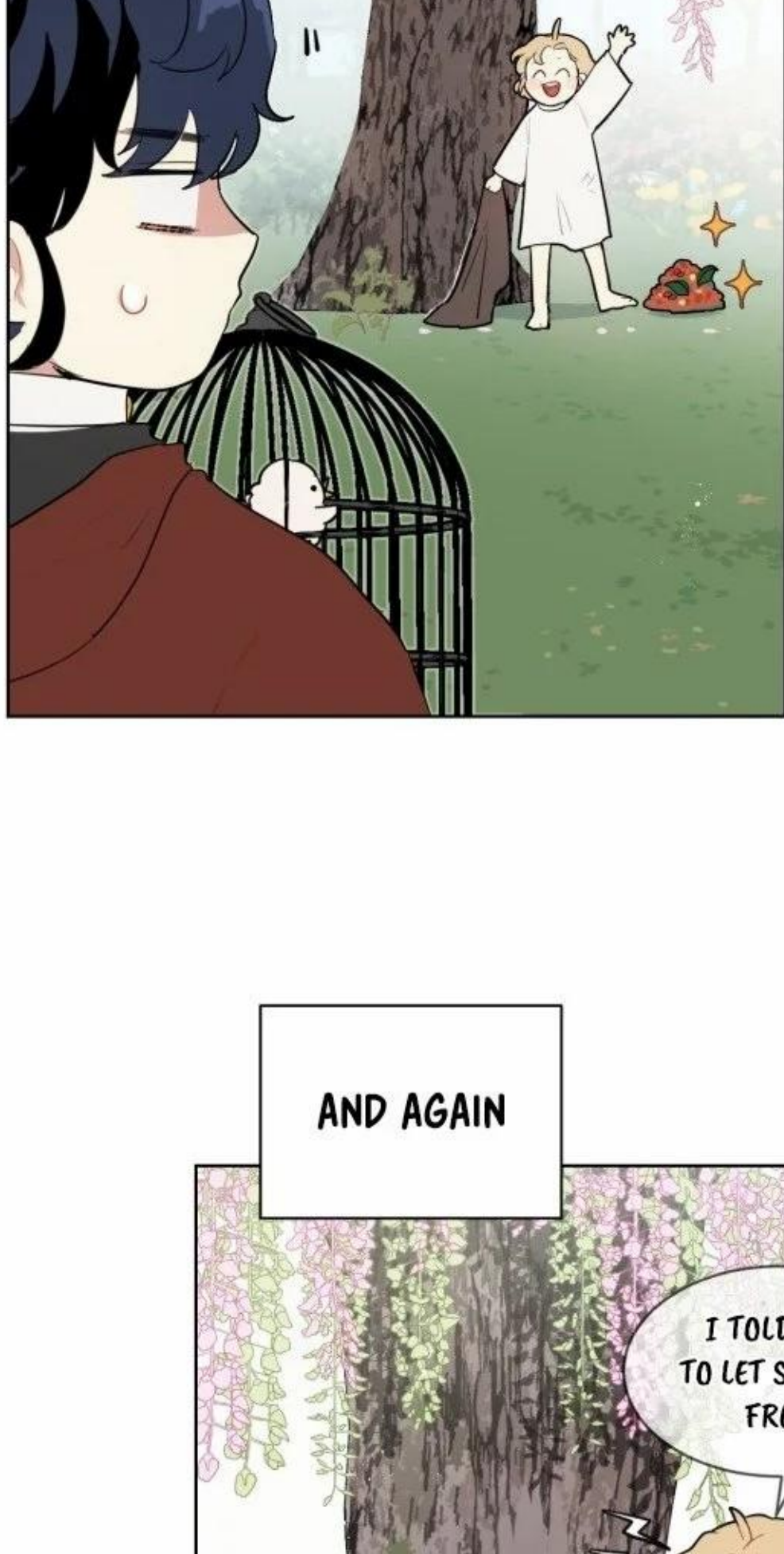
UGH... IT'S SO OBVIOUS THAT THEY WERE PICKED FROM A NEARBY TREE.

WHAT DID YOU DO TODAY?



I SHOULDN'T HAVE HELPED HER LAST TIME!

AGAIN

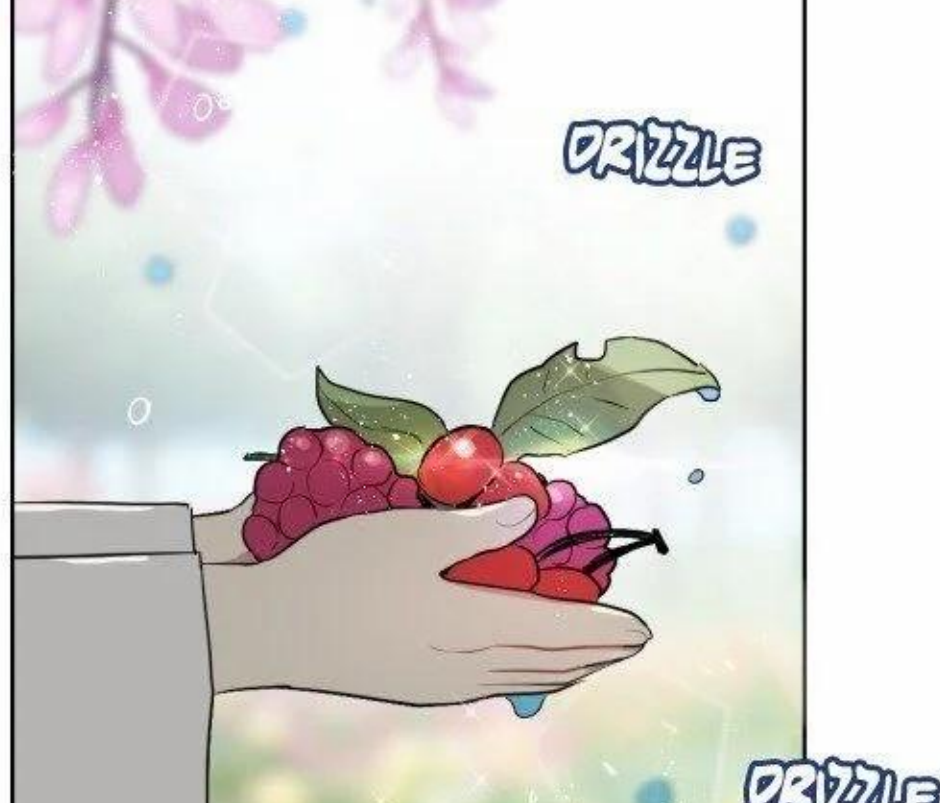


AND AGAIN





CONTINUOUSLY



WHAT THE? SHE'S  
HERE EVEN THOUGH  
IT'S RAINING.



WHY DO YOU  
KEEP COMING  
HERE?



I JUST LIKE  
LISTENING TO YOUR  
STORIES.



SHE'S SUCH A  
CAREFREE KID.

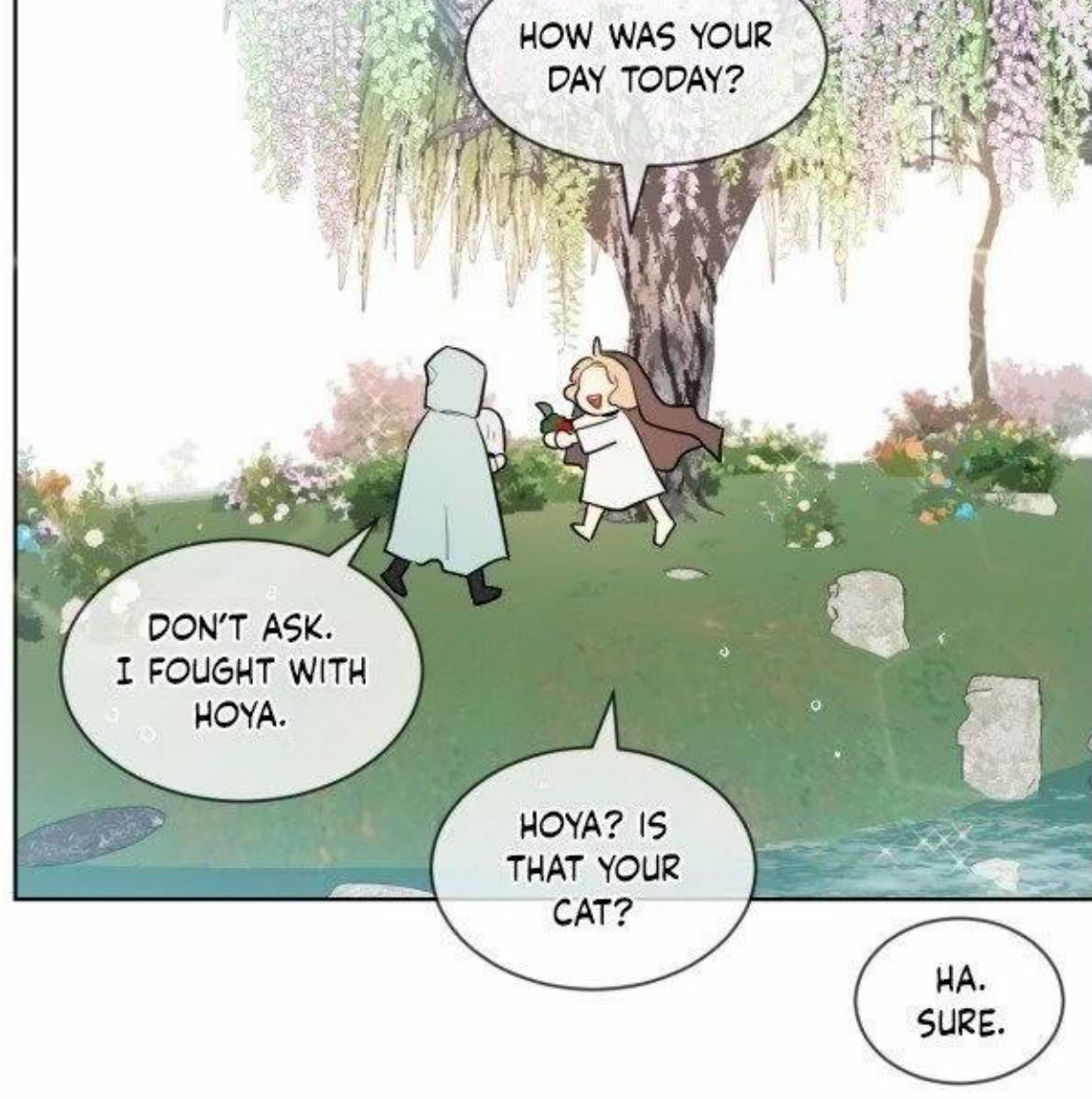


DON'T ASK.  
I FOUGHT WITH  
HOYA.

HOW WAS YOUR  
DAY TODAY?

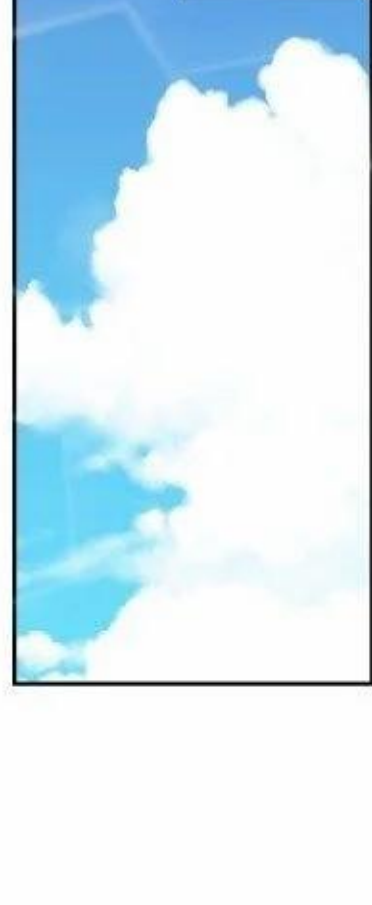
HOYA? IS  
THAT YOUR  
CAT?

HA.  
SURE.





FOR DAYS



HAH... I'M  
IN SUCH A BAD  
MOOD TODAY.



WHISPER

WHISPER

SHE'S HERE EVEN  
AT NIGHT. DID SHE BRING  
A FRIEND THIS TIME?



SHE'S JUST  
GOING TO GIGGLE  
AT EVERYTHING AGAIN.  
HOW ANNOYING.

SHOULD I  
JUST KILL HER?



YOU.



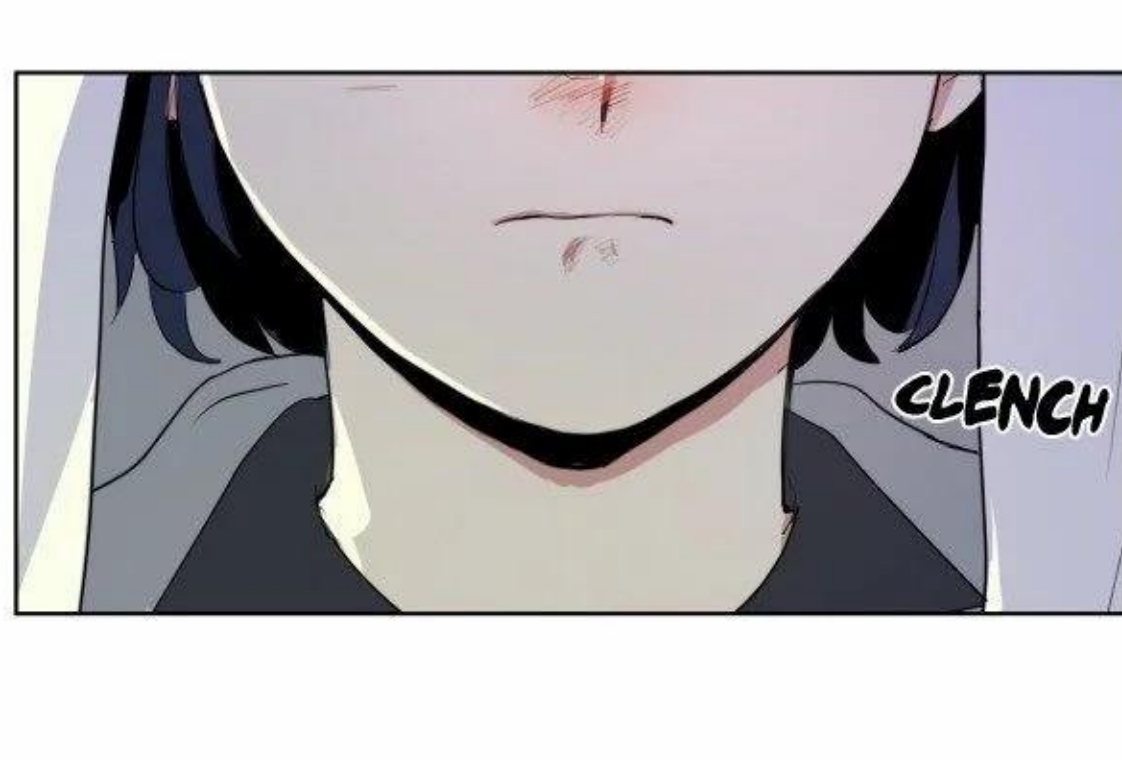
STOP COMING  
HERE FROM NOW...

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H

RAYBURN?









CRACKLE

HE REALLY  
DOES REMEMBER  
EVERYTHING.

CRACKLE

WHAT'S  
THIS?

I DID WANT HIM  
TO REMEMBER ME  
AT FIRST,  
BUT NOW  
THAT HE DOES,  
I'M HAVING MIXED  
FEELINGS.

IT FELT LIKE  
A FRESH START  
BEFORE.

WIGGLE

SERVANTS, MY  
ASS... IT WAS SO OBVIOUS  
THOSE WOUNDS WERE FROM  
RUNNING AWAY FROM A  
SLAVE TRADER.

BUT... I WAS YOUNG, SO U U  
I JUST TOLD YOU AN INNOCENT  
LIE, ALRIGHT. I TOTALLY THOUGHT  
I HAD YOU FOOLED TOO.

...ANYWAYS, I WONDER  
IF IT BECAUSE OF MY BOOK,  
BUT YOU REALLY DO SEEM TO  
REMEMBER EVERYTHING.

YOU KNEW ABOUT  
MY BACKGROUND TOO  
AFTER ALL, HUH.



A FEW YEARS LATER,  
I HEARD THAT A CHILD FROM  
A RICH FAMILY PAID MY RANSOM  
TO THE SLAVE TRADER,  
FREEING ME.

THAT WAS  
YOU, RIGHT? IT'S A  
BIT LATE, BUT THANK  
YOU VERY MUCH.

ANYWAY,

SOME TIME AFTER  
THAT, THE EMPRESS WAS  
ASSASSINATED.

THAT WAS THE  
DAY I WAS KICKED OUT  
OF THE CASTLE.

HOYA TRIED  
TO STOP ME, BUT  
I WENT ANYWAY.

THAT DAY, I WAS GOING  
TO ASK YOU TO COME WITH  
ME TO THE MANSION.

BUT WHEN I ARRIVED  
AT THE WISTERIA TREE, YOU  
ALREADY HEARD THAT I WAS  
THE FIRST PRINCE FROM  
SHITTY RUMORS.

YOU ALWAYS HAD A  
SMILE ON YOUR FACE, BUT  
AS SOON AS YOU LEARNED  
OF MY IDENTITY,

YOUR FACE STIFFENED  
FOR THE FIRST TIME. THEN  
YOU RAN AWAY, JUST  
LIKE THAT.

I THOUGHT YOU'D  
LISTEN TO MY SIDE OF  
THE STORY, UNLIKE  
THE OTHERS.

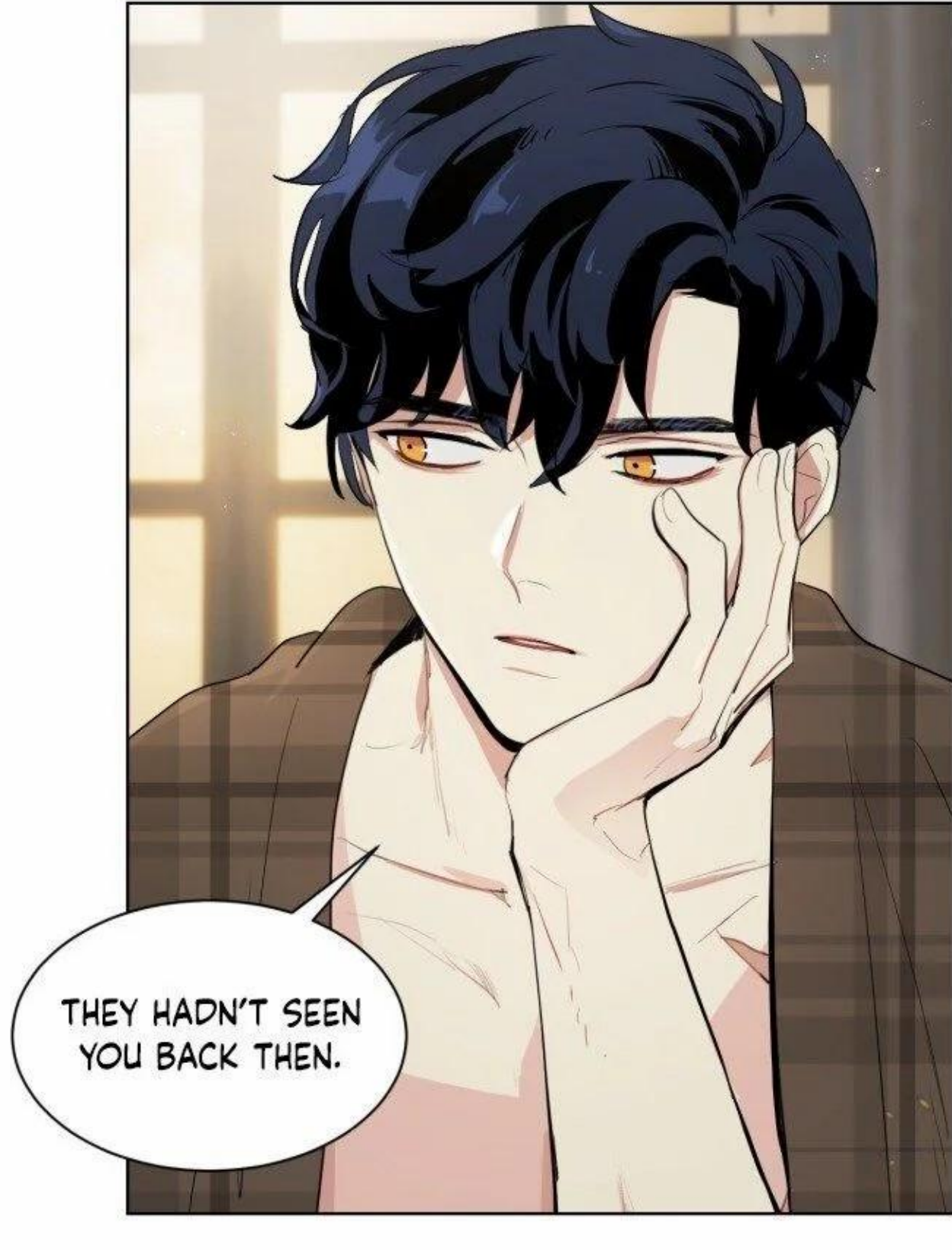
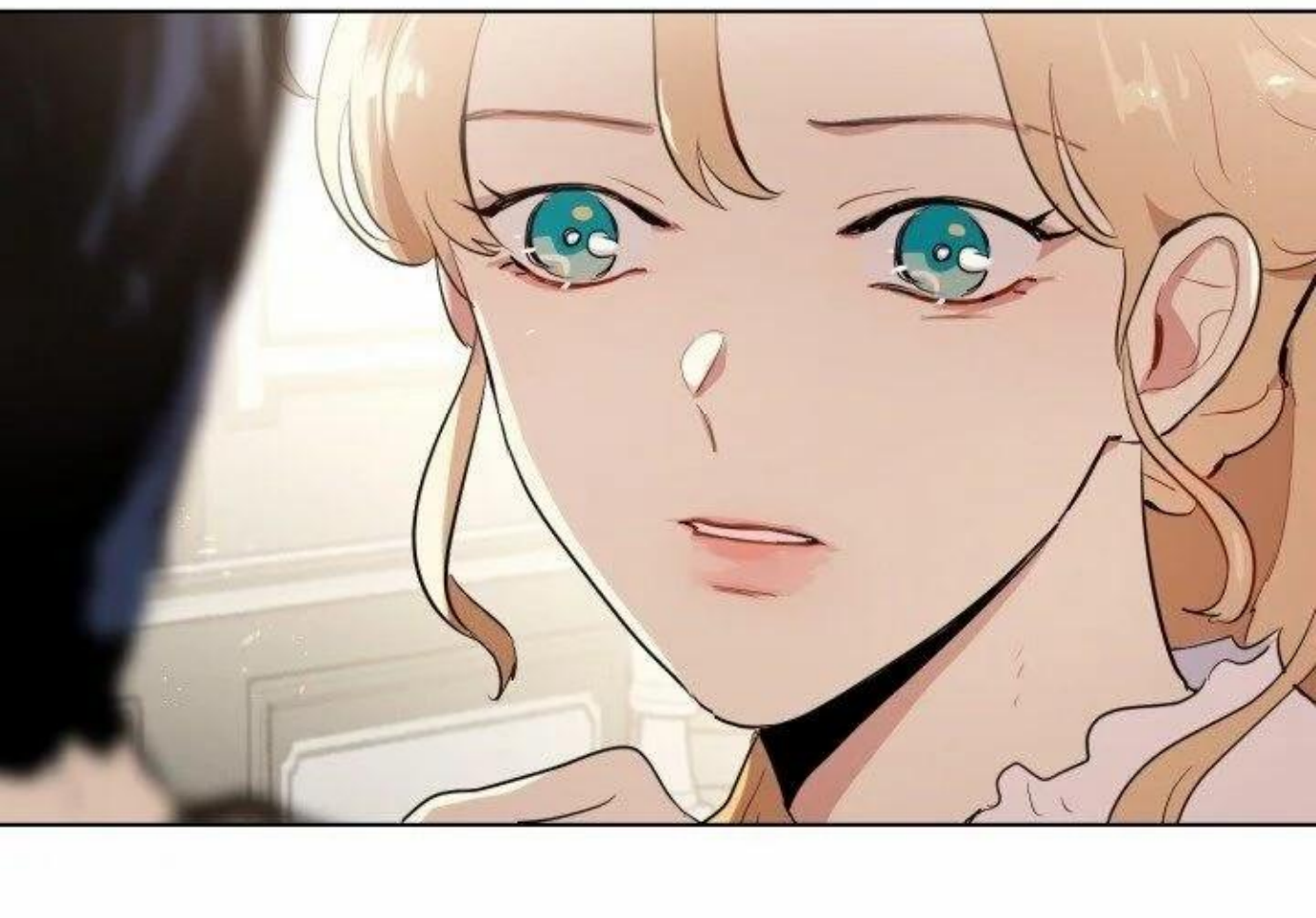
OH...

NO, NO. EVEN THEN,  
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT  
MUCH ABOUT YOU

BECAUSE I WAS  
JUST A YOUNG SLAVE  
FLEEING FROM THE  
COUNTRYSIDE.

I'M NOT REALLY SURE  
WHY, BUT THERE WERE SLAVE  
TRADERS AROUND THE WISTERIA  
TREE ON "THAT DAY" YOU'RE  
TALKING ABOUT...







I KNOW,  
BUT I JUST...

I WAS SCARED THAT  
THE NICE PERSON WHO'D  
PLAYED WITH ME WOULD END UP  
FINDING OUT THAT I WAS  
A FUGITIVE SLAVE...

SO BEFORE  
THE SLAVE TRADERS  
COULD FIND ME,

I ENDED UP  
RUNNING AWAY FOR  
SOME REASON.

I'M SO SORRY...

WHAT?

IF YOU RUN AWAY  
OVER SOMETHING SO  
TRIVIAL, THEN I... I MEAN,  
WHO CARES IF YOU  
WERE A SLA...

YOU WOULDN'T  
UNDERSTAND BECAUSE  
YOU'RE A PRINCE!

MORE THAN  
ANYTHING ELSE,  
YOU WERE

BLUSH

THE FIRST  
PERSON TO REACH  
OUT TO ME,

MY FIRST  
CHILDHOOD  
LO...

.....

...FIRST

PERSON THAT  
I STANNED.

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...FIRST PERSON  
THAT I STANNED.

BLINK

I HAD NO  
IDEA YOU WERE  
A PERSON OF SUCH  
HIGH STATUS...

I COULDN'T  
LET YOU SEE A  
SHAMEFUL SIDE OF  
ME LIKE THAT.

SCRATCH

..."STANNED,"  
HUH. HOW TYPICAL  
OF YOU.

I SEE.

BUT THAT  
ISN'T SOMETHING  
TO CRY ABOUT.

SOB

SOB

BEWILDERED

WAH...  
I KNOW. (?)

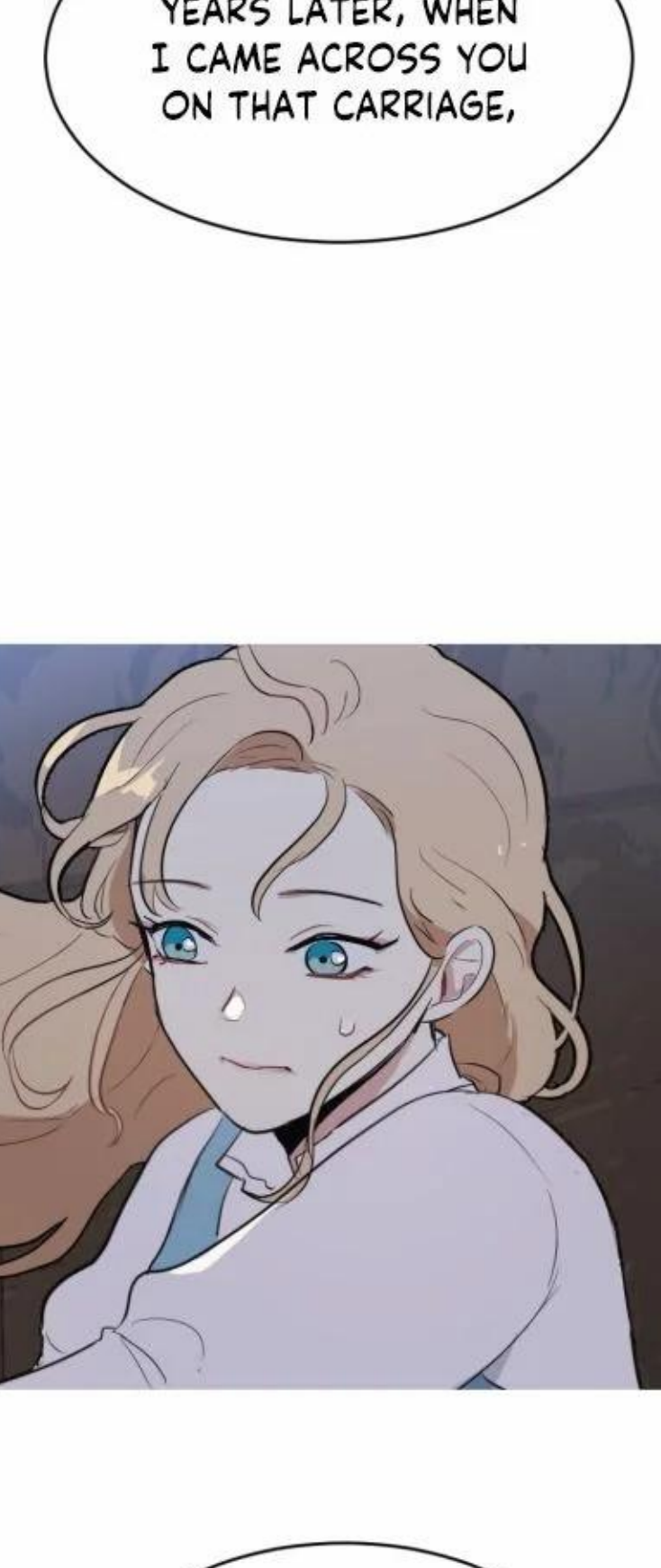
NO WONDER YOU  
DIDN'T LIKE ME. THAT'S  
WHY YOU PRETENDED  
NOT TO KNOW ME.

I THOUGHT...  
YOU JUST FORGOT  
ABOUT ME.

YOU CALLED  
YOURSELF THE  
PRINCESS TO ME,  
THE PRINCE.

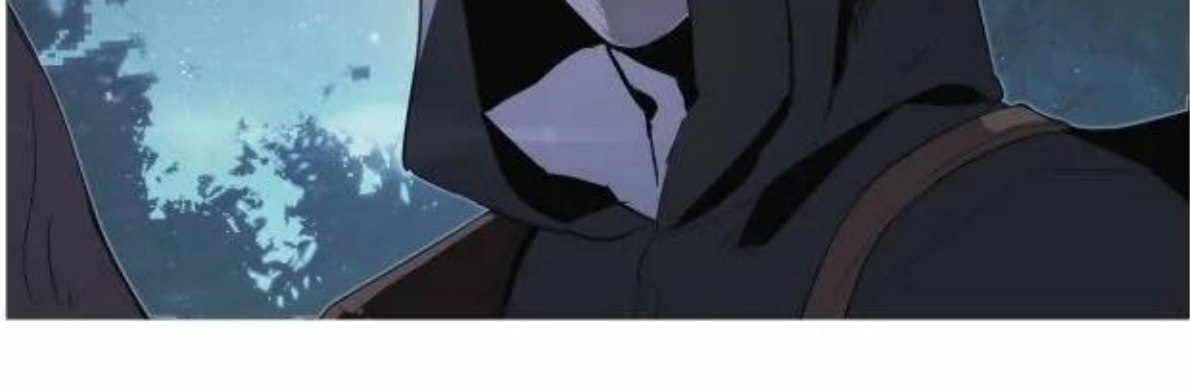
YOU THINK I  
COULD FORGET SUCH  
A SHAMELESS KID.

I ALMOST  
KILLED YOU...



YEARS LATER, WHEN  
I CAME ACROSS YOU  
ON THAT CARRIAGE,

I RECOGNIZED  
YOU IMMEDIATELY.





FOR ME,  
YOU WERE

MY

FIRST FAN.

PERHAPS THAT'S WHY IT  
WAS SUCH A HUGE SHOCK TO  
ME WHEN YOU LEFT.

I WAS ALSO QUITE  
YOUNG BACK THEN.

I THOUGHT YOU HAD  
QUITE THE NERVE TO COME  
BACK TO THE MANSION AND TREAT  
ME THE WAY YOU DID AFTER  
LEAVING ME LIKE THAT.

IT'S ALRIGHT NOW  
THAT WE CLEARED UP THE  
MISUNDERSTANDING. NOW I CAN  
SEE IT WASN'T THAT BIG OF  
A DEAL ANYWAY.

THANK YOU FOR  
LISTENING TO ME, AFTER  
ALL THIS TIME.

SNIFFLE

THANKS TO  
YOU, MY BODY'S  
ALL WARMED UP  
AS WELL.

I'M SORRY.

SOB

SOB

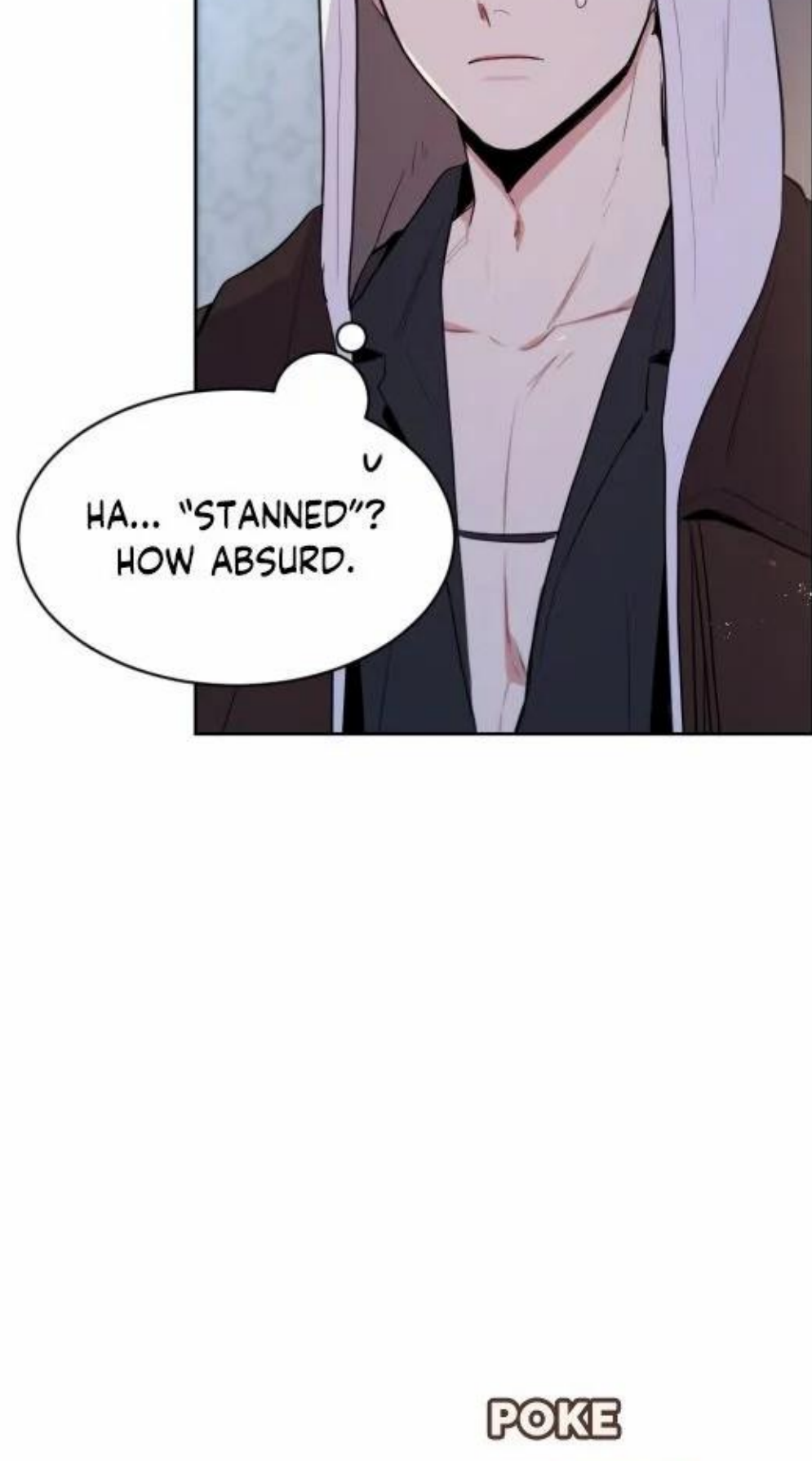
RUB

DIDN'T I JUST  
SAY THAT I'M ALL  
WARMED UP? WHY'RE  
YOU CRYING AGAIN?

WHAT ABOUT  
SHURAN? DID YOU  
LET IT GO?

SLEEPING  
SOUNDLY RIGHT  
IN FRONT OF  
ME, HUH...





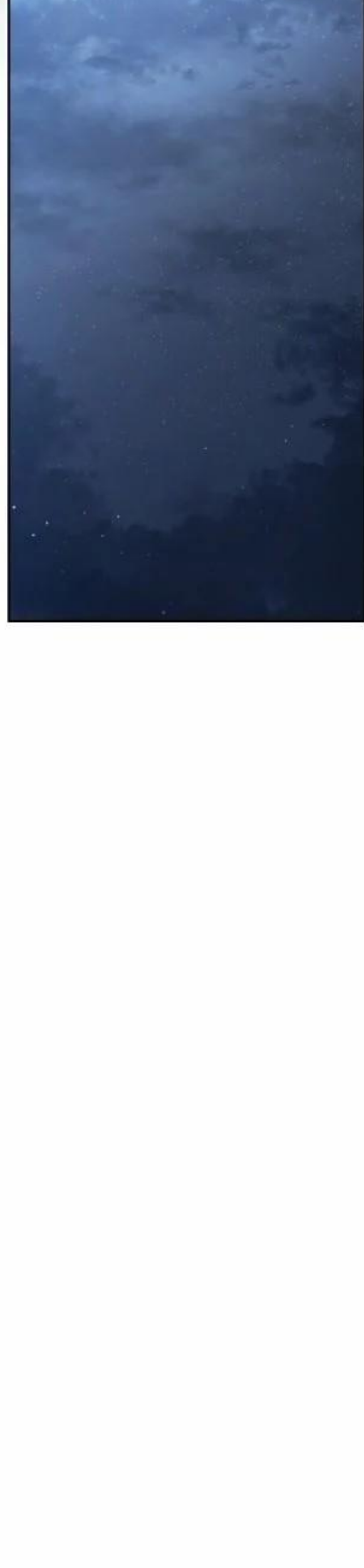
POKE  
POKE



BRUSH



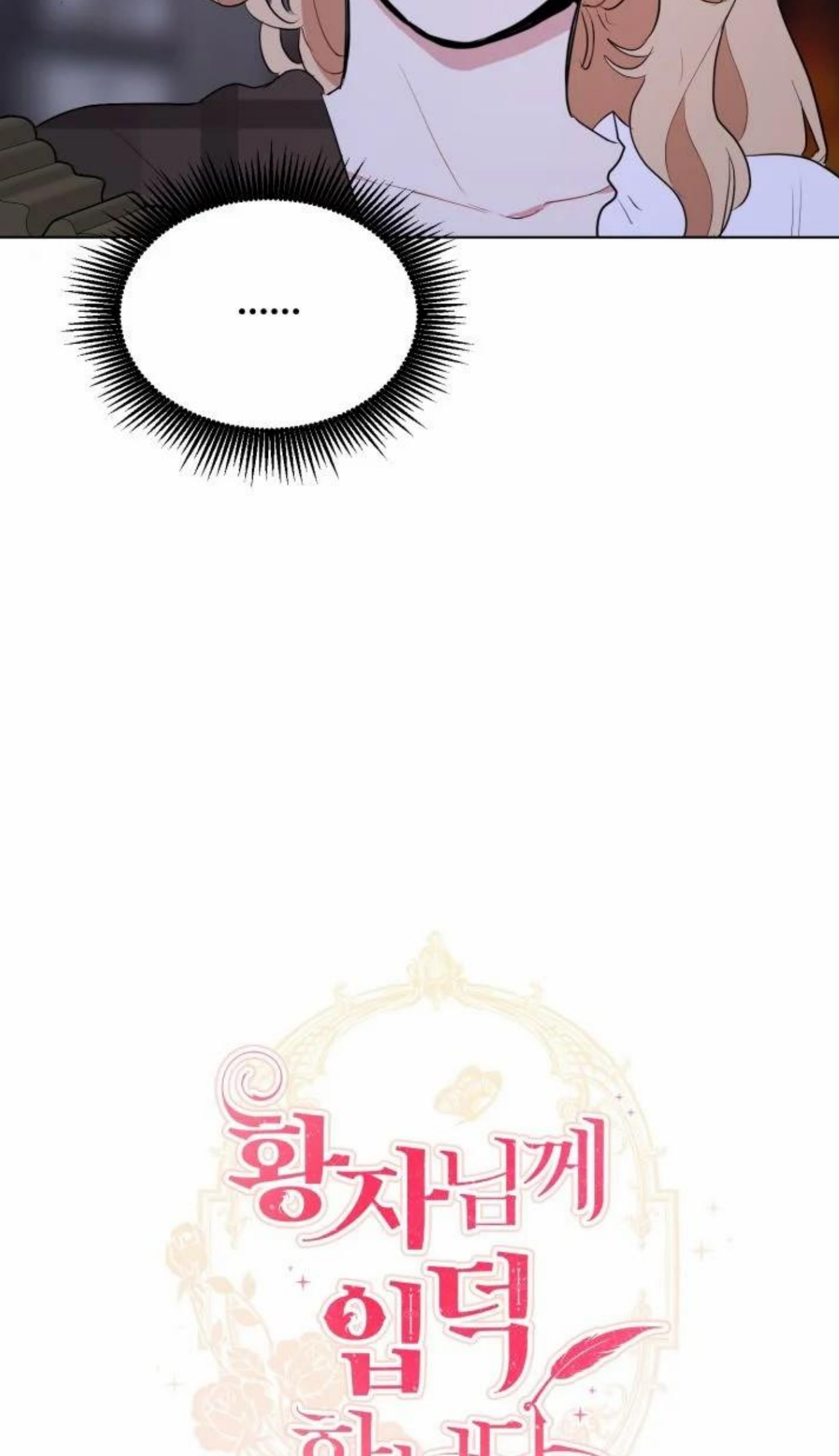
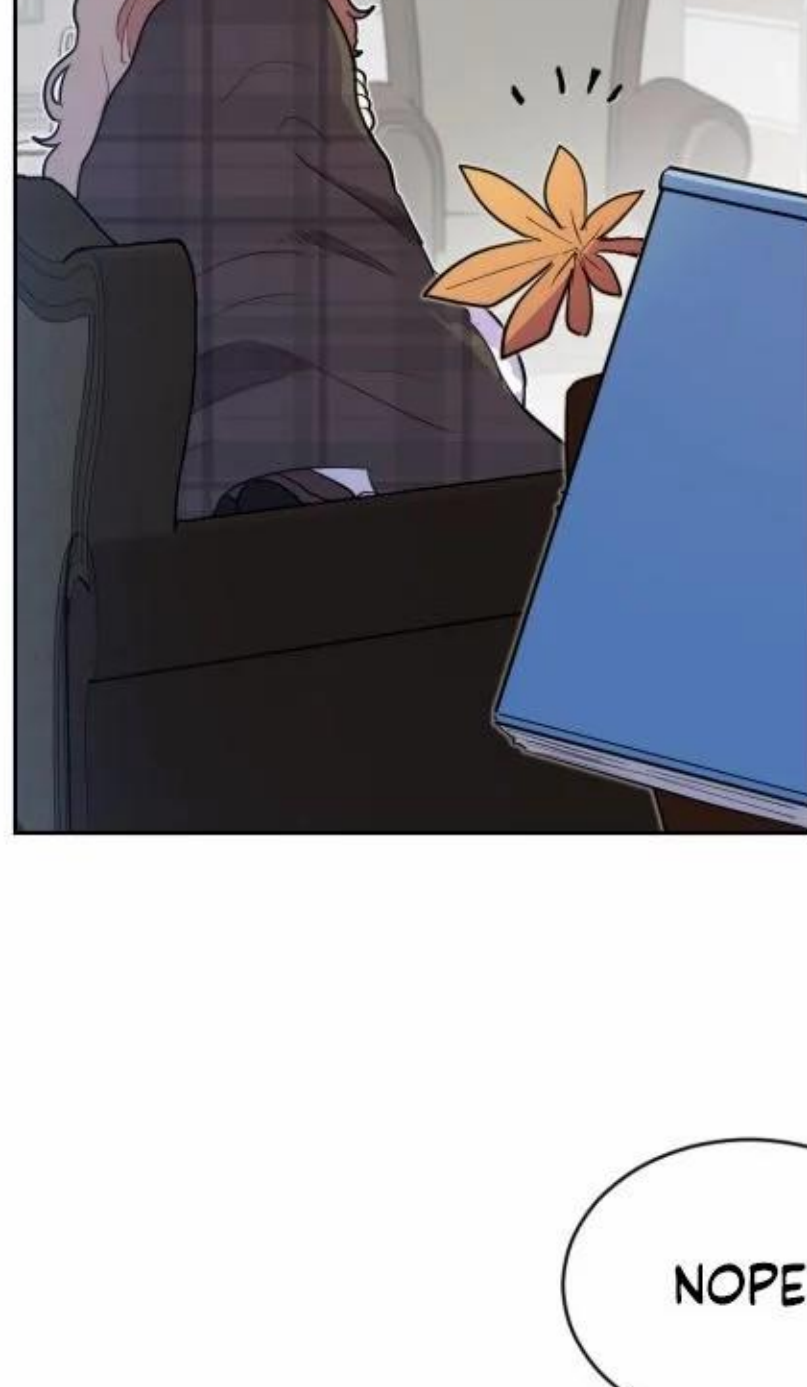
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CRACKLE



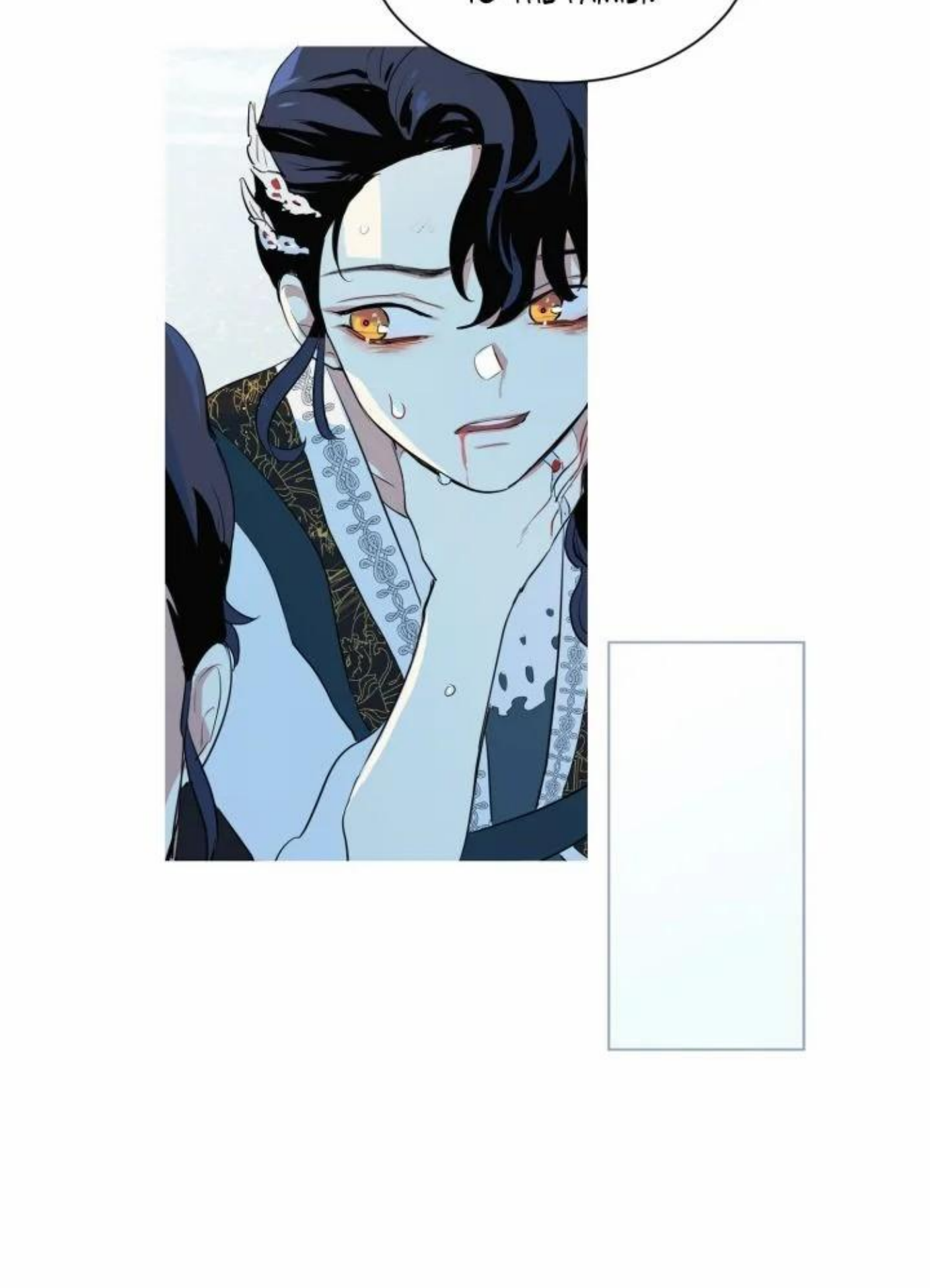
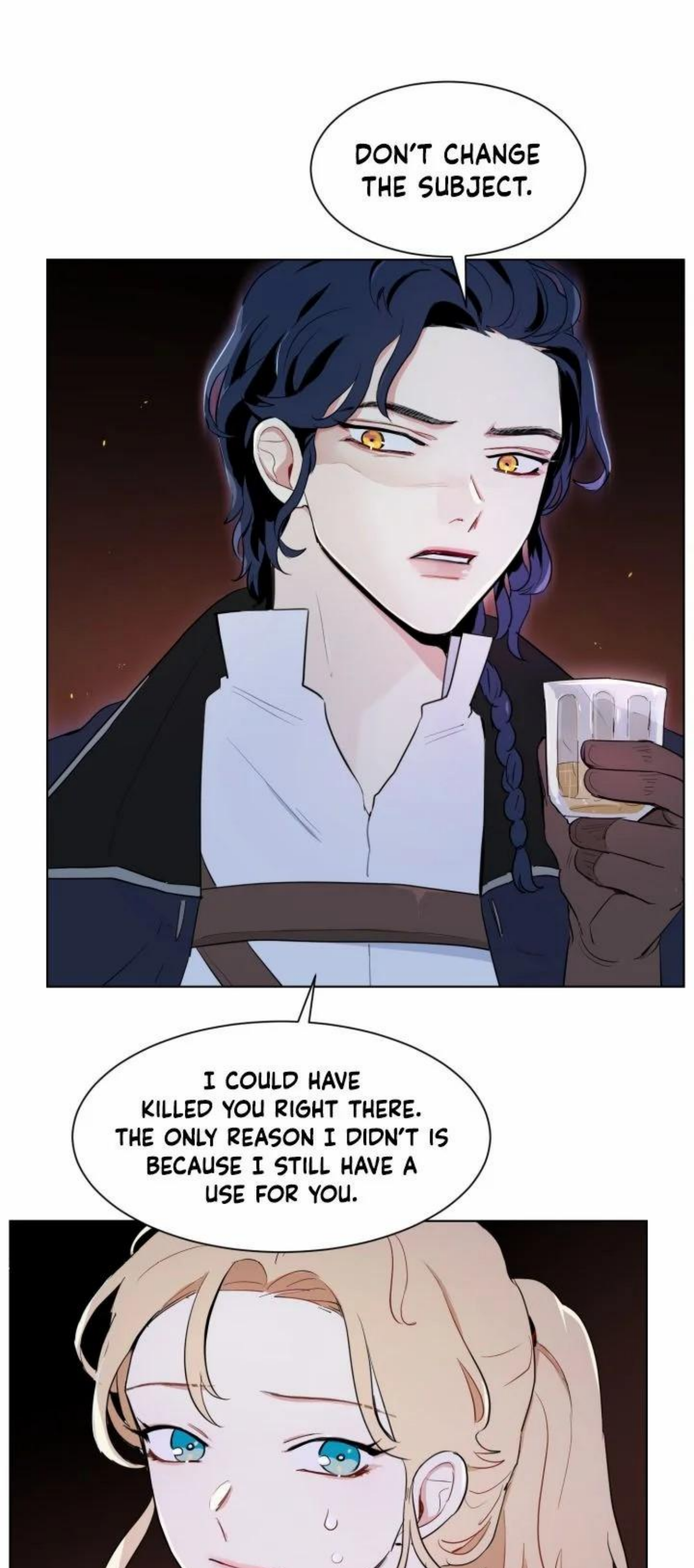
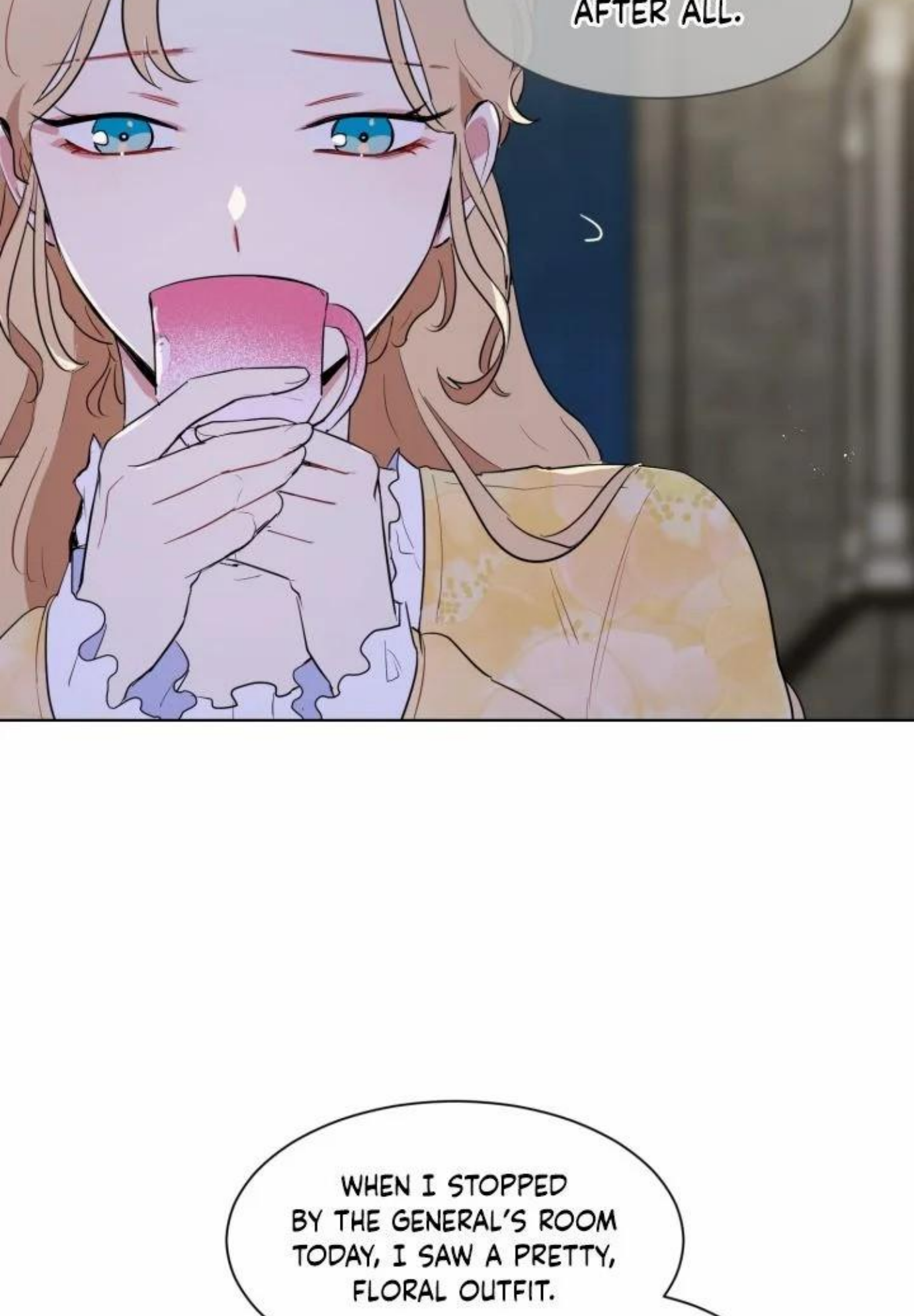






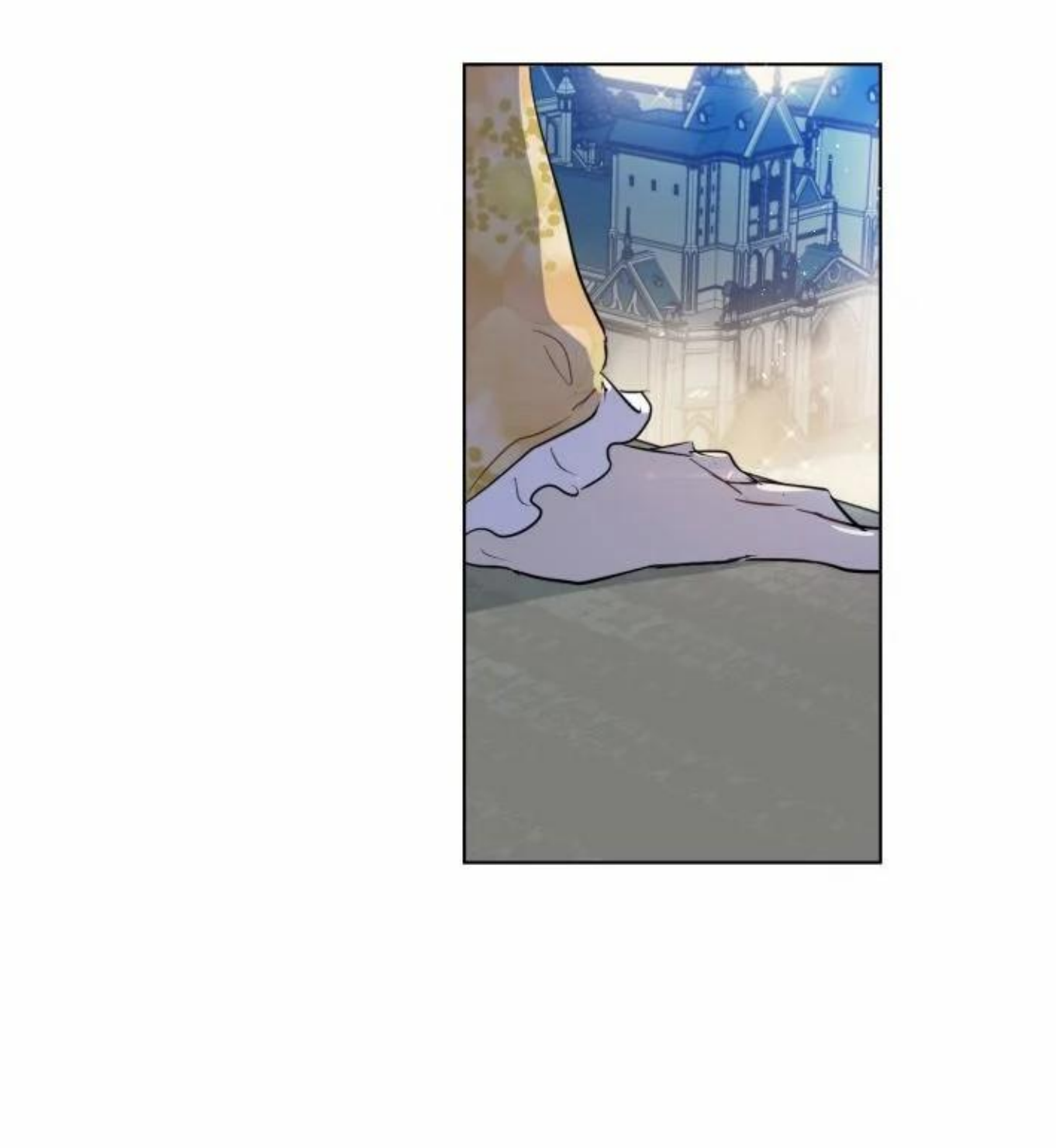








COCKY BASTARDS...  
BUT NO ONE WILL DARE  
COMPLAIN IF I RESTORE  
OUR FAMILY'S STATUS.



QUITE THE  
SIGHT, HUH?



LOOK AT THAT  
VILLAGE NEAR THE  
CASTLE WALL.



MICE TEND TO  
SHOW UP THERE A LOT.  
THE OCCASIONAL SCREAMING  
YOU'LL HEAR IS PRETTY  
HILARIOUS.



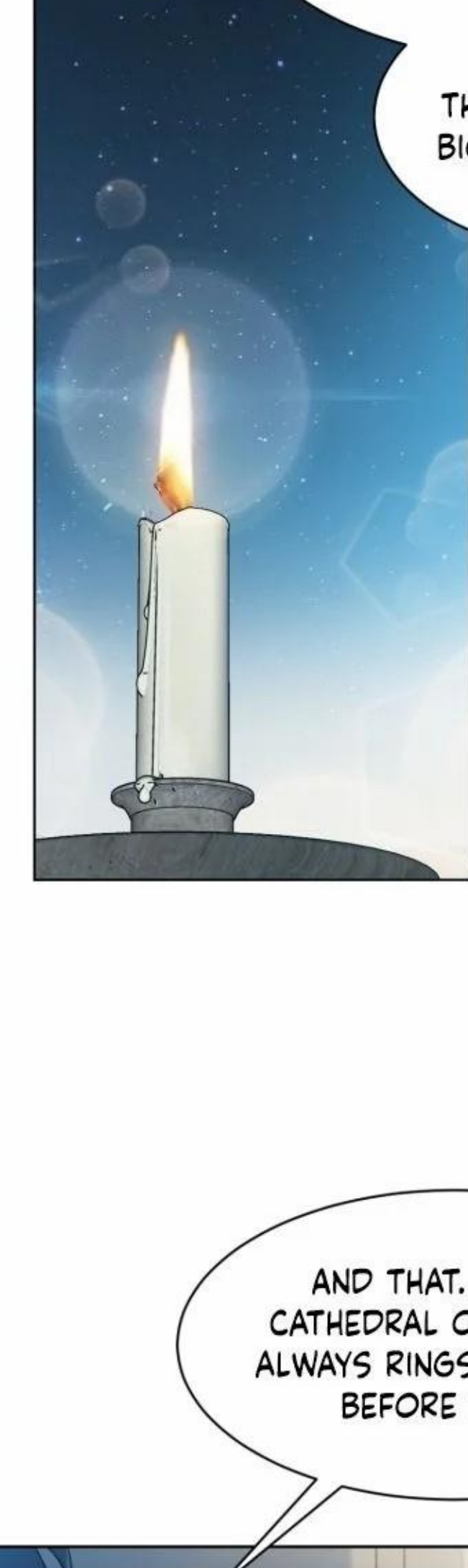
NEAR THE MARKET  
PLACE OVER THERE, THEY  
HOLD A SMALL FESTIVAL  
EVERY FORTNIGHT.

THEY'RE ROWDY FOR  
TWO DAYS NONSTOP.



RAYBURN, FERDERIC,  
AND I SNUCK OUT ONE  
TIME, AND THE CASTLE  
WENT INTO CHAOS.

THEY MADE SUCH A  
BIG FUSS ABOUT IT.



AND THAT... LITTLE  
CATHEDRAL OVER THERE  
ALWAYS RINGS THEIR BELL  
BEFORE DAWN.



RAYBURN DIDN'T  
LIKE IT WHEN THE BELL  
RANG, BECAUSE IT MEANT  
THAT DAY WAS ABOUT  
TO BREAK,

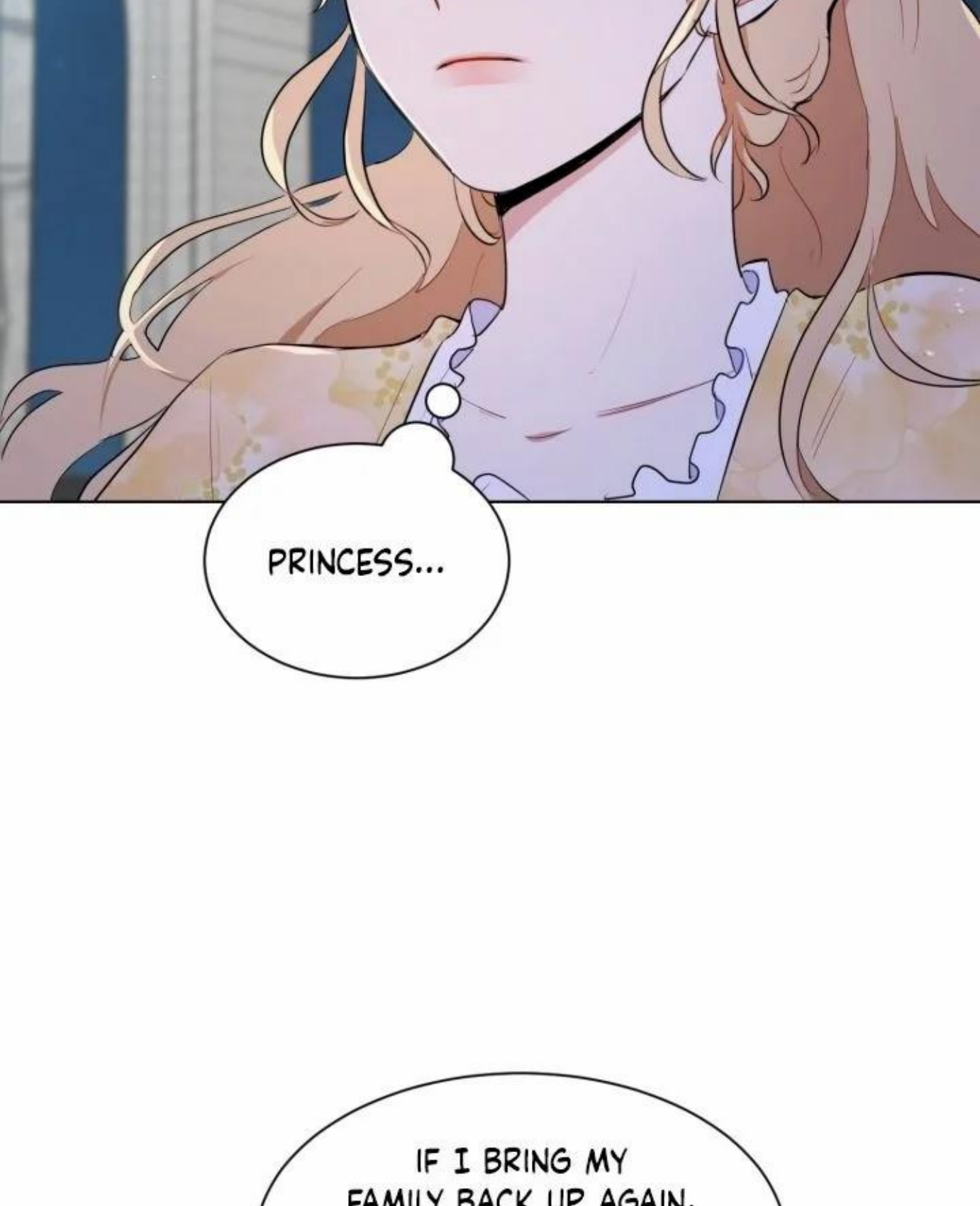






BUT I REALLY LOVED LISTENING TO THE SOUND

OF THAT BELL BEFORE GREETING THE SUNRISE.



PRINCESS...

IF I BRING MY FAMILY BACK UP AGAIN, WE'LL BE ABLE TO GREET LUDEXT'S MORNING WITH PRIDE.



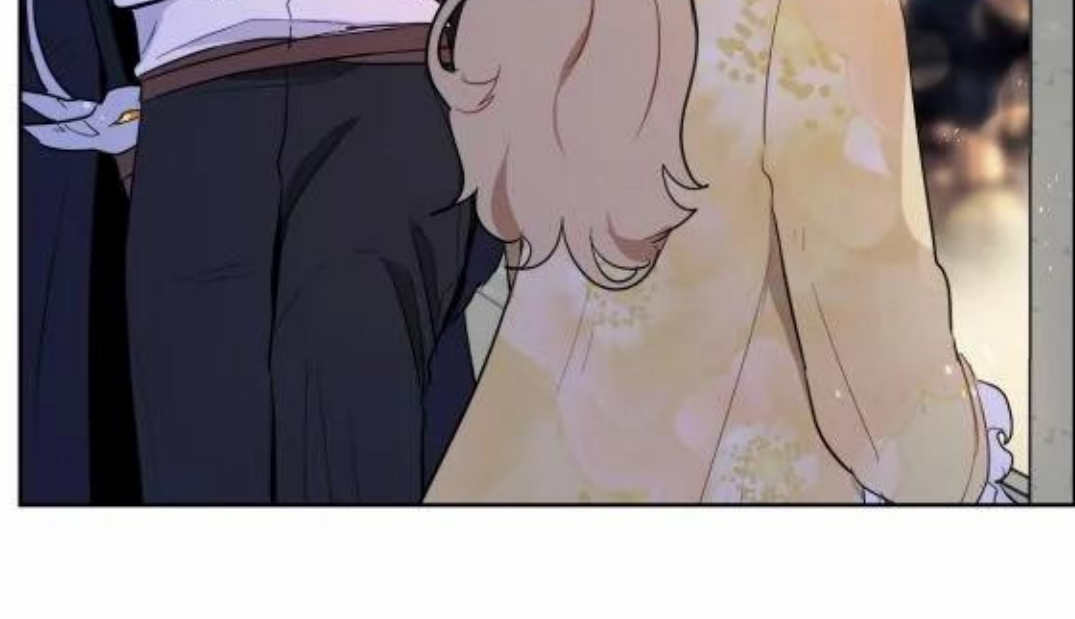
CLENCH



TURN

SHIT, LOOK AT ME SPOUTING NONSENSE. SHE LOOKS SO NAIVE THAT I JUST...

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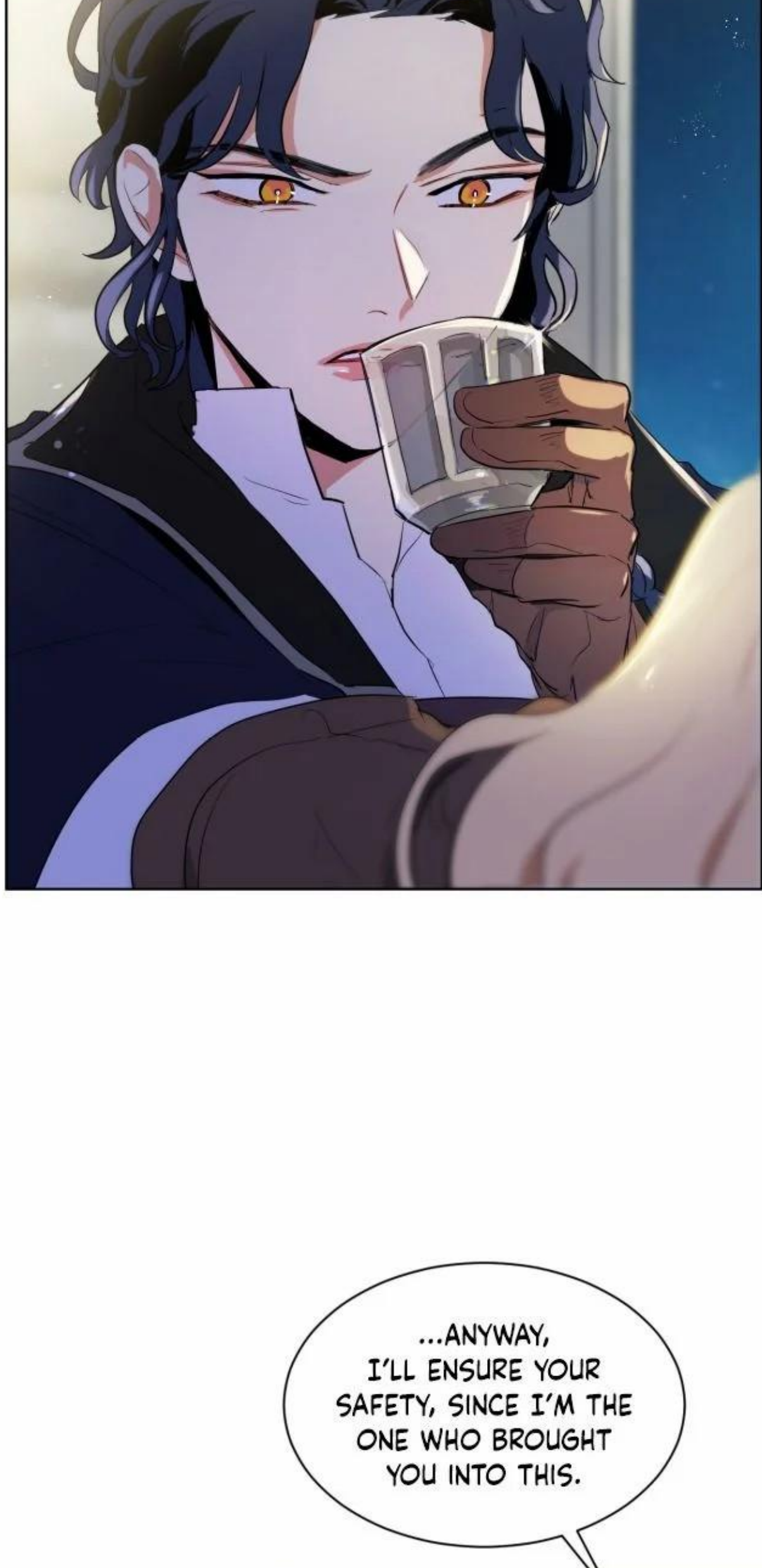


GRAB



RAISE

...?



...ANYWAY, I'LL ENSURE YOUR SAFETY, SINCE I'M THE ONE WHO BROUGHT YOU INTO THIS.

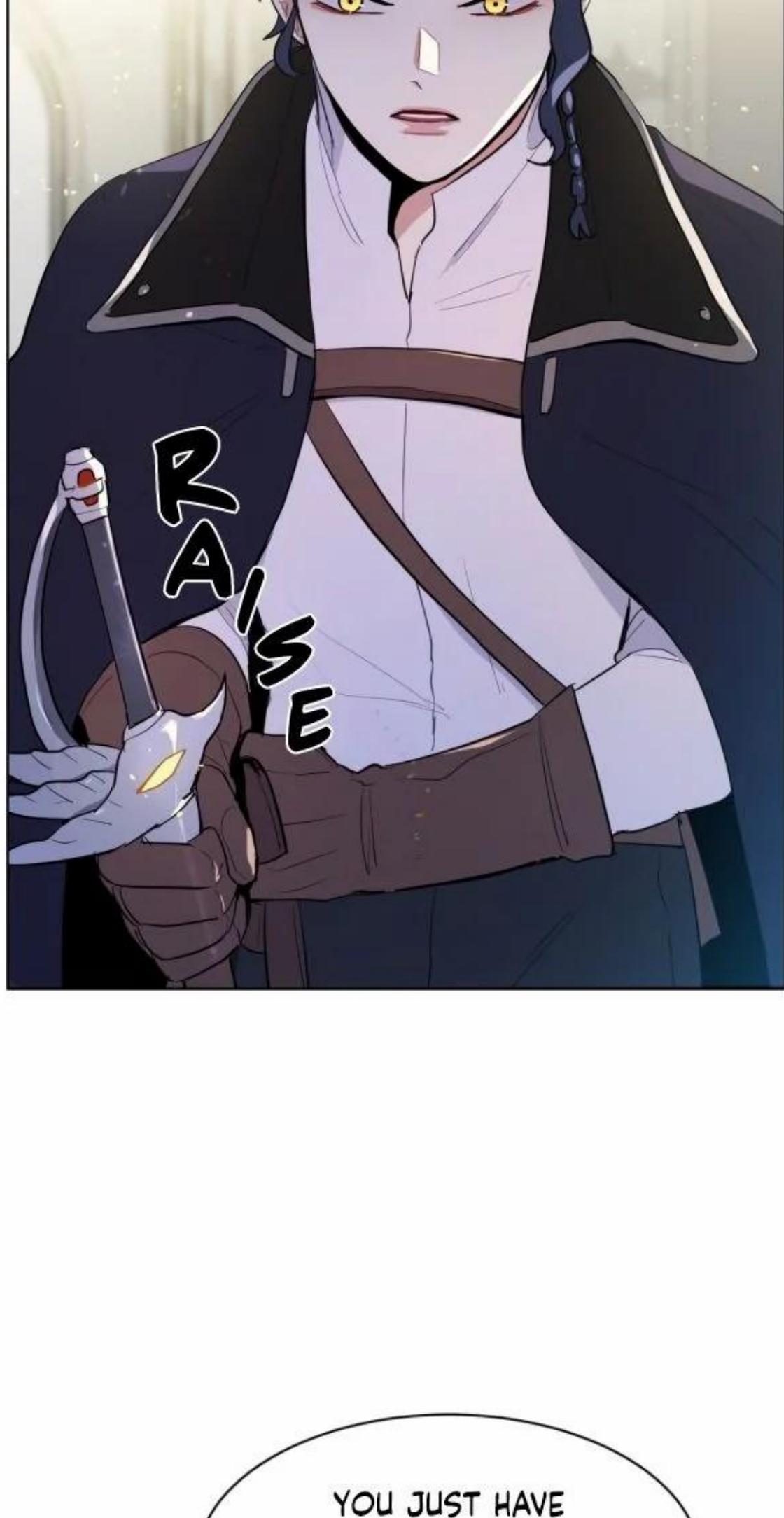


ACK, THANK YOU.

HOWEVER, REFRAIN FROM SPEAKING OF THE CONVERSATION YOU OVERHEARD OR DOING ANYTHING ELSE STUPID.







YOU JUST HAVE TO BEHAVE AND WRITE FOR "PRINCE RAYBURN" LIKE USUAL.

IMPROVE THE IMAGE OF PRINCE ESPELINDO FOR ME.

I DIDN'T SAVE YOU FOR YOU TO PLAY AROUND.

WHILE YOU'RE HERE, OBSERVE MANY THINGS AND WRITE ABOUT THEM.

FROM NOW ON, I'LL BE WATCHING YOU RESOLUTELY.



WELL THEN,

ANY QUESTIONS, MISS SCHOLAR?

I COULDN'T



BRING MYSELF TO ASK HER ABOUT THAT.

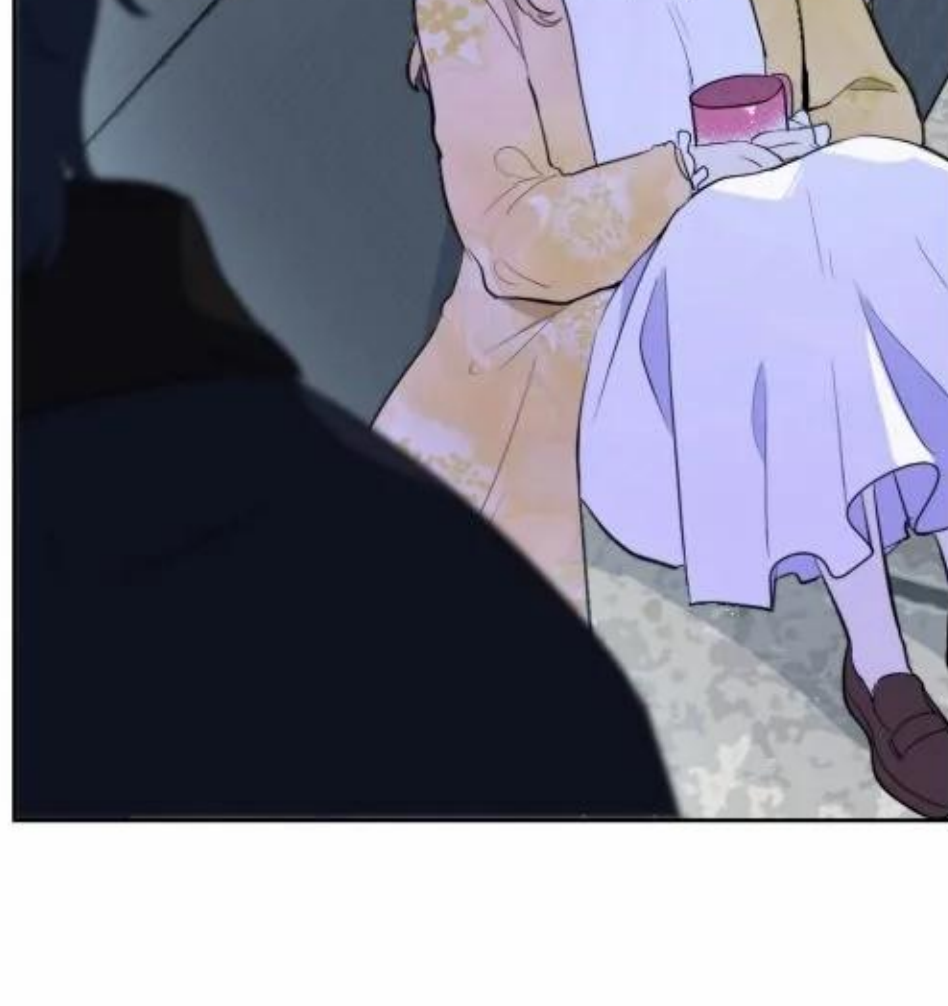
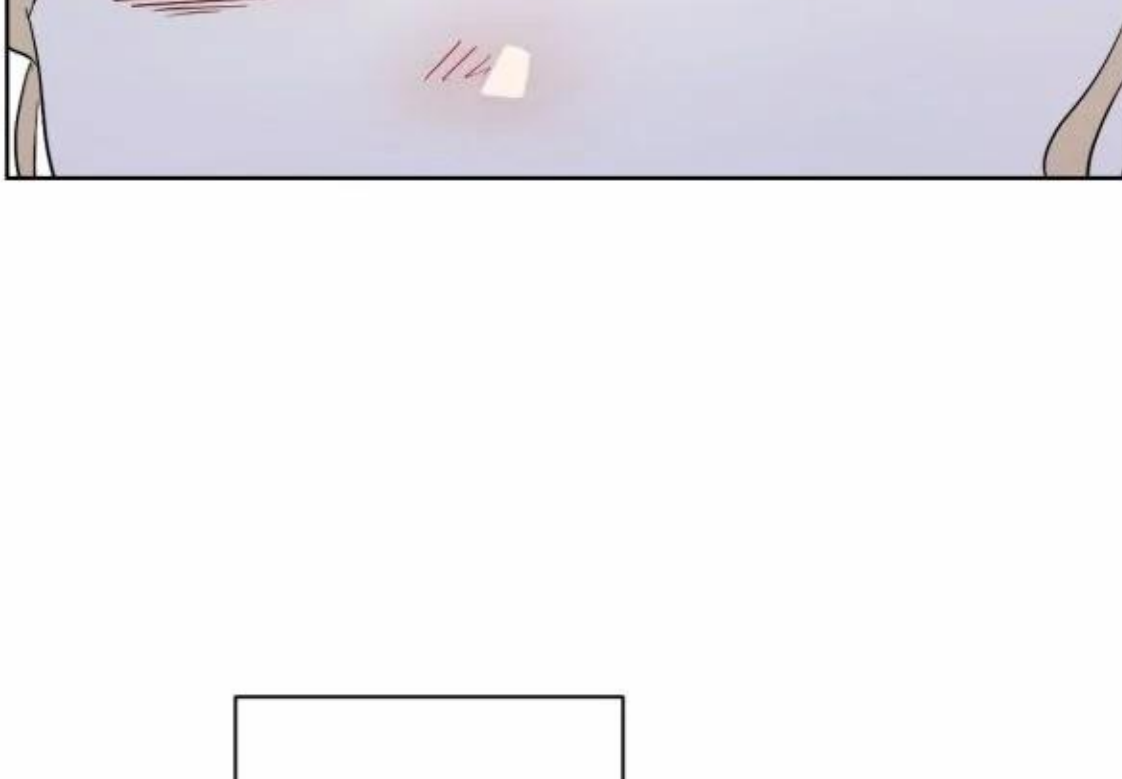
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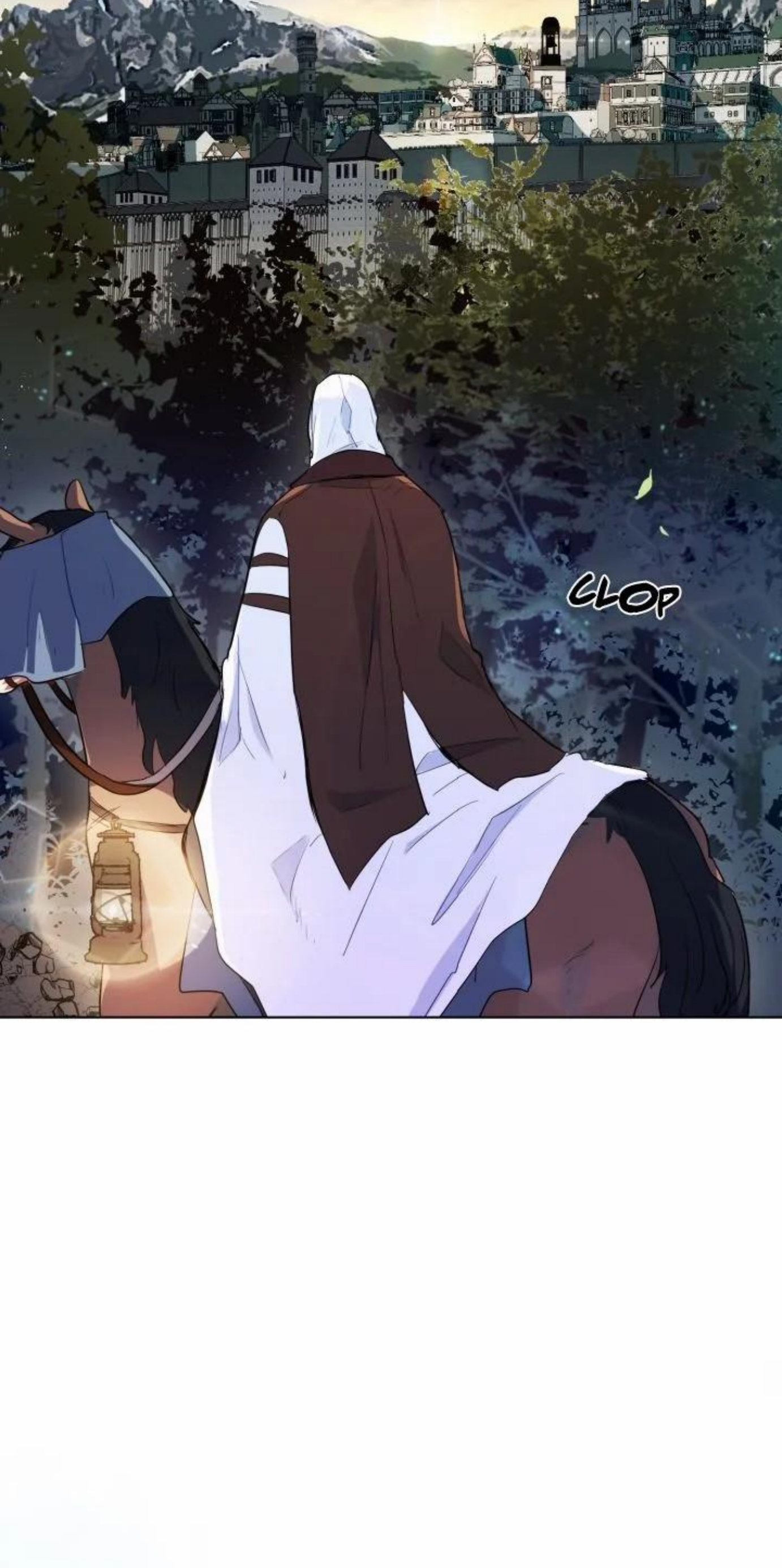
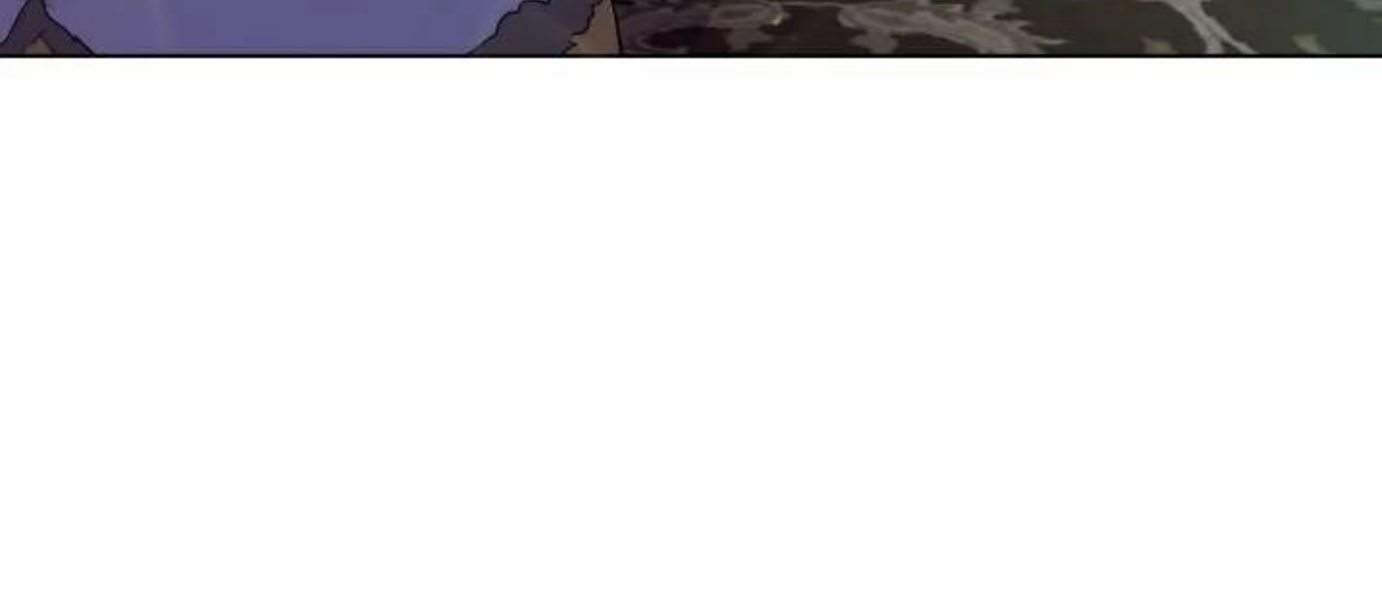
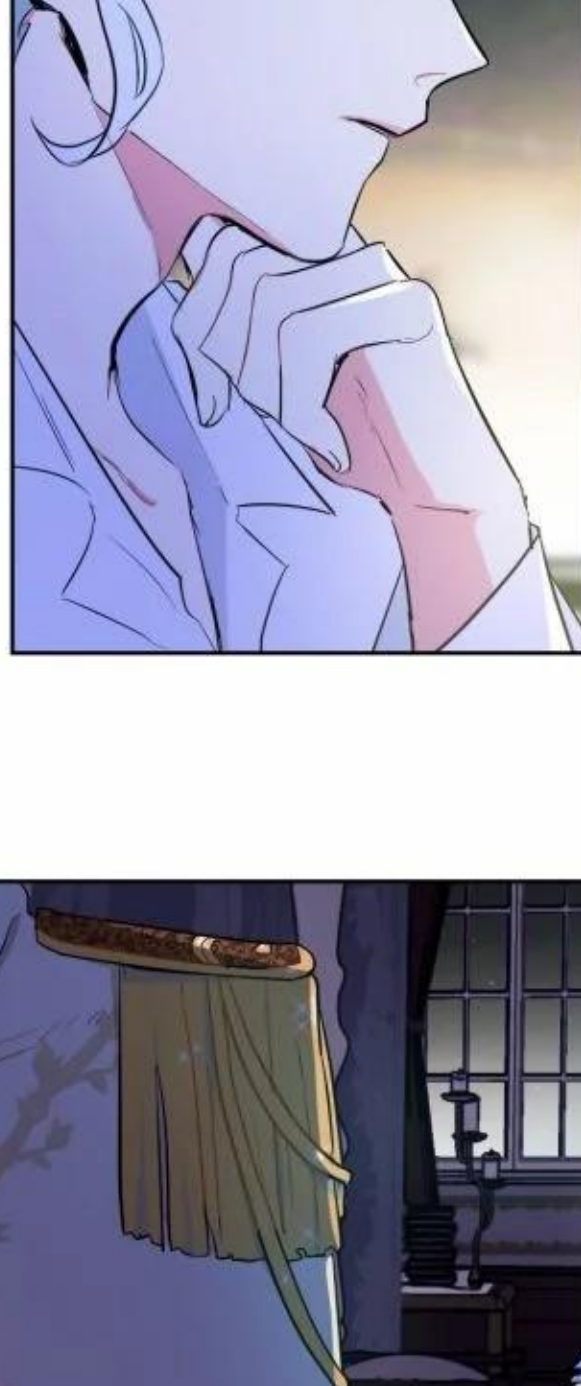
THERE YOU GO.



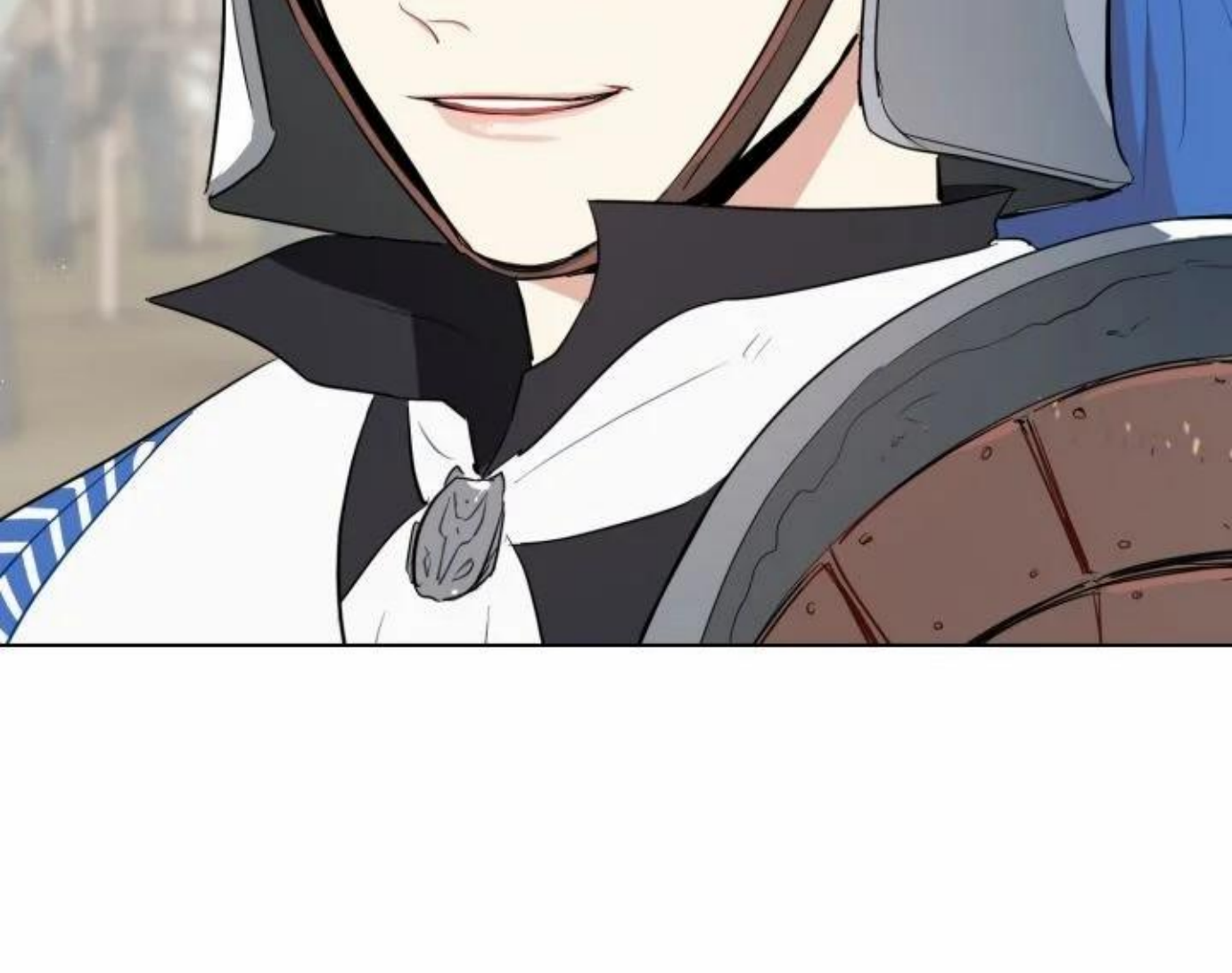
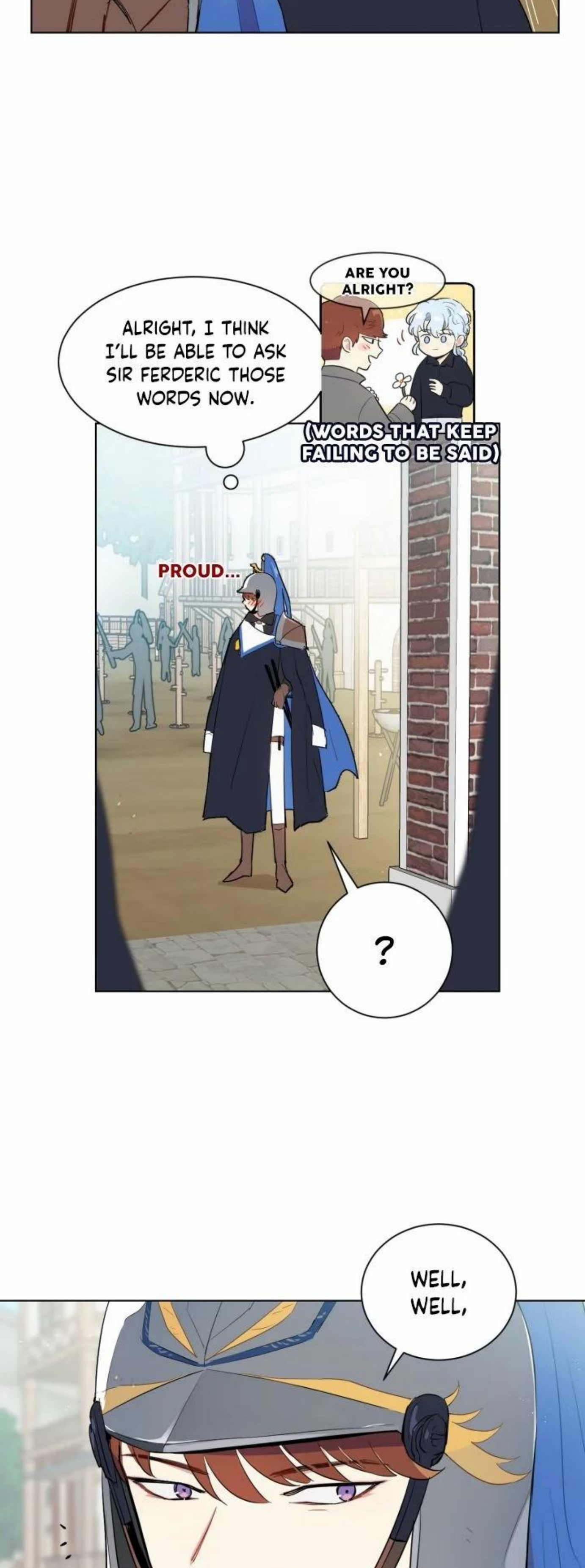




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SIR MANO...!

BRI  
GHT

I'M SO GLAD  
TO SEE YOU!!

I'VE BEEN  
WEARING THE  
SAME CLOTHES  
FOR DAYS.

I'M ALSO  
GL...

OH, THE  
CLOTHES...

CLOTHES  
ARE IMPORTANT,  
YES... RIGHT...

I MEAN, I'M  
ALSO GLAD TO SEE  
YOU, SIR MANO!

ANYWAY, I'LL BE  
GUARDING YOU DURING  
YOUR STAY HERE, SINCE  
PRINCESS HOYA WILL  
BE QUITE BUSY...

THESE WERE ORDERS  
FROM THE DUKE.

OH MY...

THERE  
ISN'T ANYTHING  
DANGER...

OUS.

PRESS

??

CLASH

??

ARE YOU OUT  
OF YOUR MIND?  
WHY DO YOU KEEP  
ACTING LIKE THIS,  
BOURBON?

OH, MANO, YOU'RE  
HERE TOO? I FEEL LIKE  
I'M SEEING YOU QUITE  
OFTEN THESE DAYS.

PSHH

I'LL BE SAFER ALONE.



I WAS JUST GOING TO TRIM THE SCHOLAR'S HAIR.

SPEECH LESS  
YOU'RE CRAZY.

WE HAPPEN TO BE AT THE TRAINING ARENA, SO WE MIGHT AS WELL GET WARMED UP.

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE LAST SPARRED, SO HOW ABOUT IT?

GO AWAY.

CLENCH  
(SIGNAL TO START)

MISS SCHOLAR, IS YOUR ANTENNA OKAY?  
WHISPER

SPAR!

CLAP

SPAR!

CLAP

SPA...

....

YOU'RE TOO QUIE-

CLOP

TALK ABOUT GOOD TIMING. I WAS CURIOUS AS TO HOW SKILLED THE DUKE'S GUARD IS.

HAVE A SPAR, BOTH OF YOU.

Y- YOUR HIGHNESS?

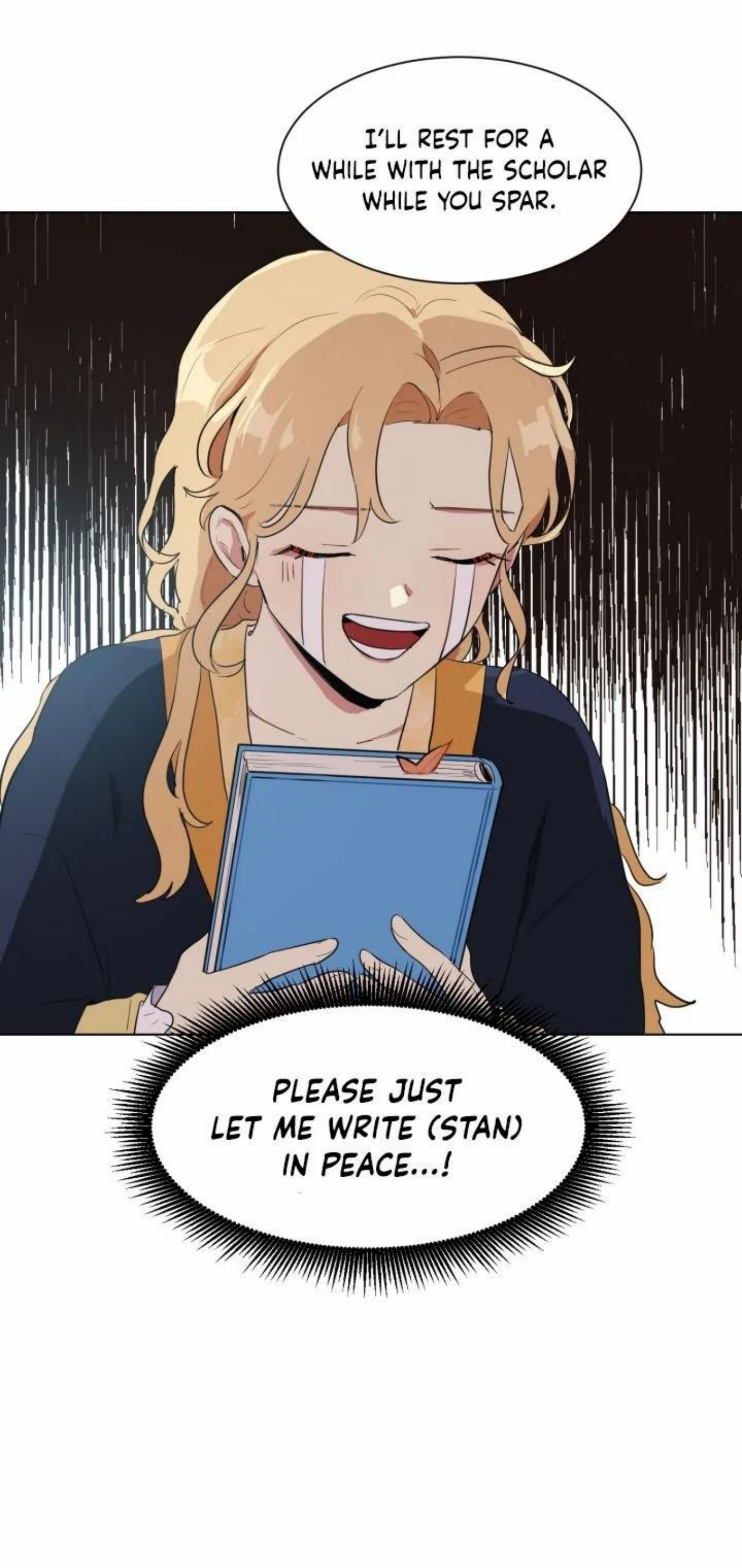
HE DOESN'T WATCH TRAINING HELD IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN OFTEN...

YOUR HIGHNESS, RIGHT NOW...

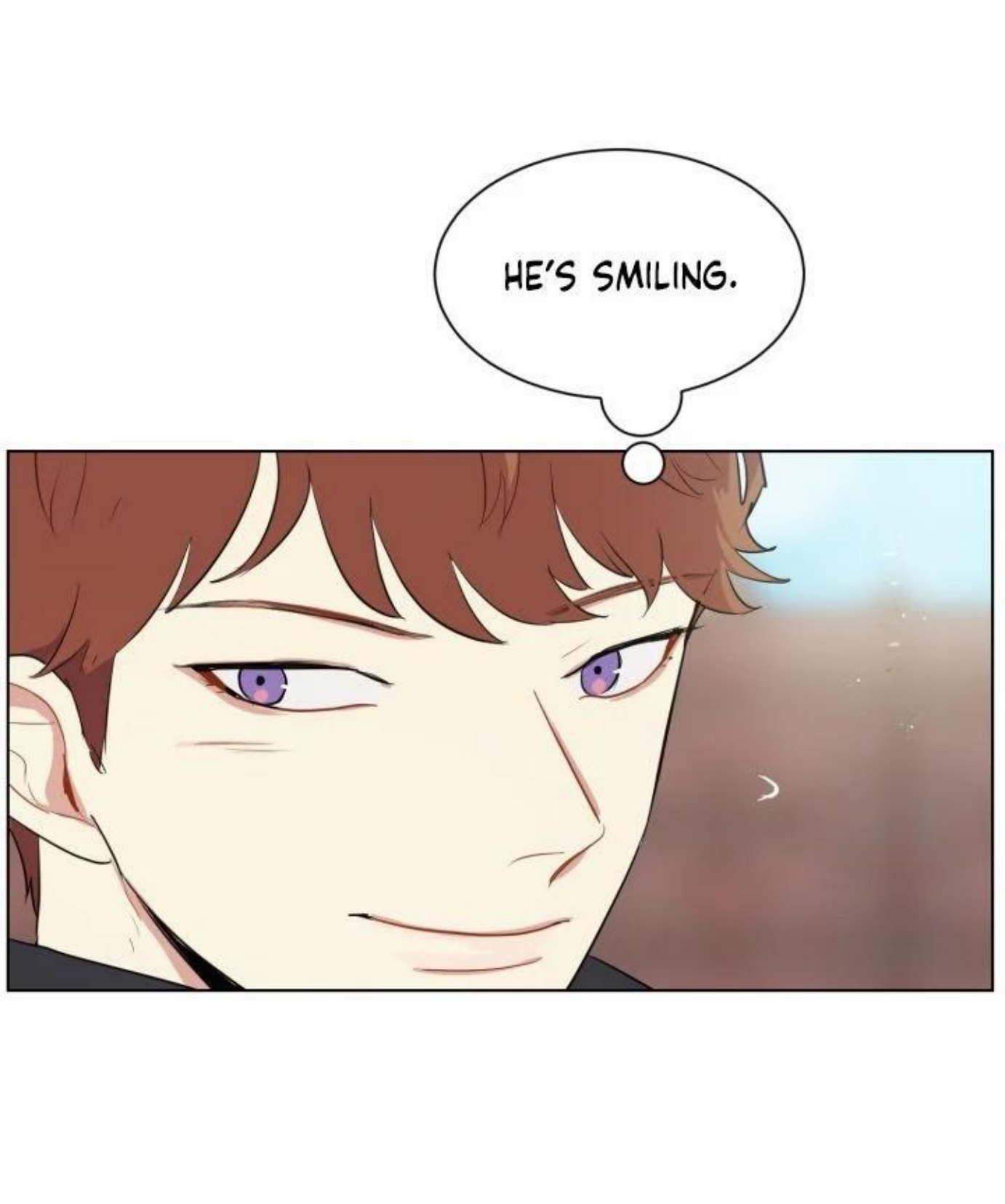
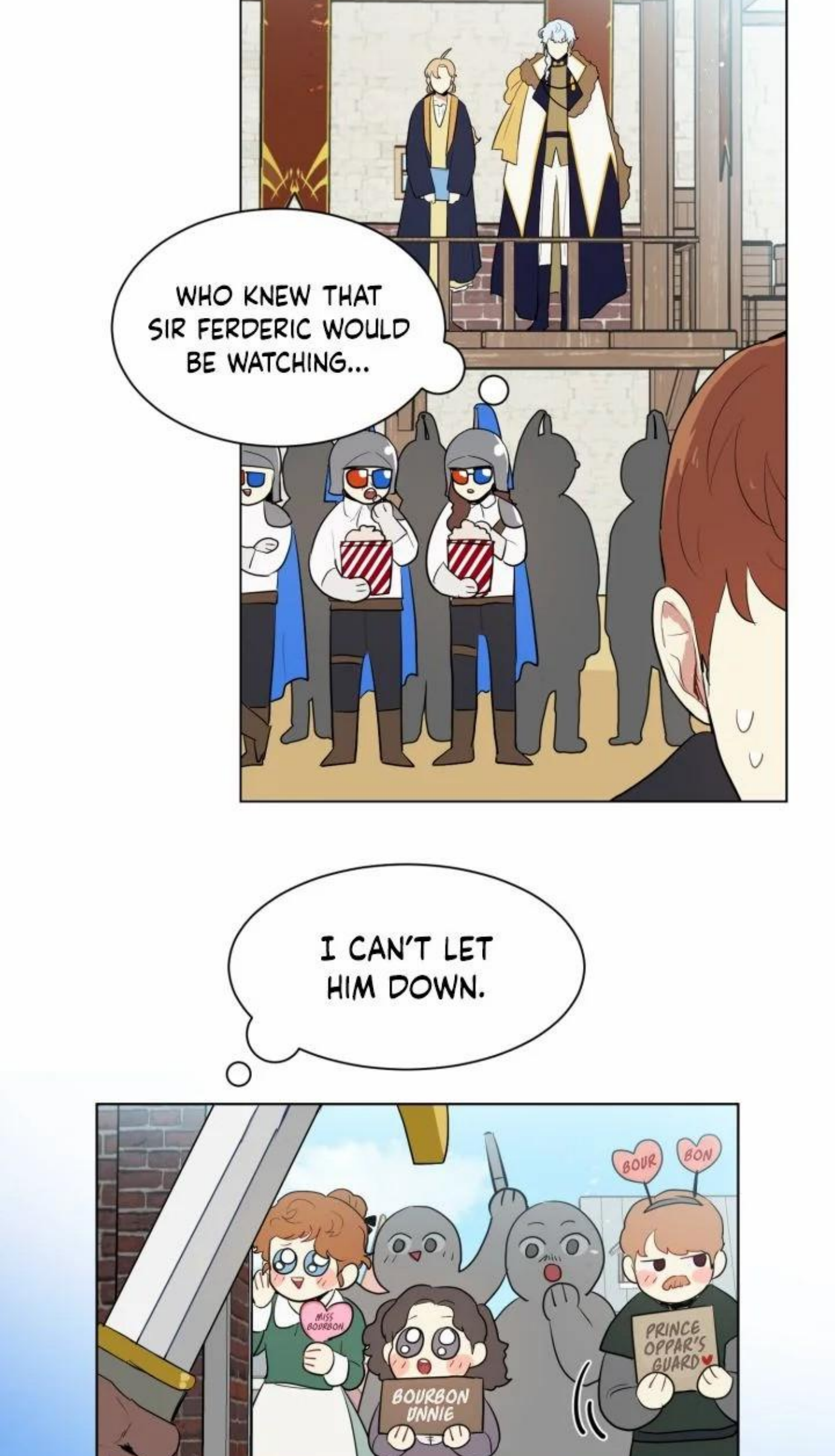
DO IT.

I WANTED A BREAK ANYWAY.

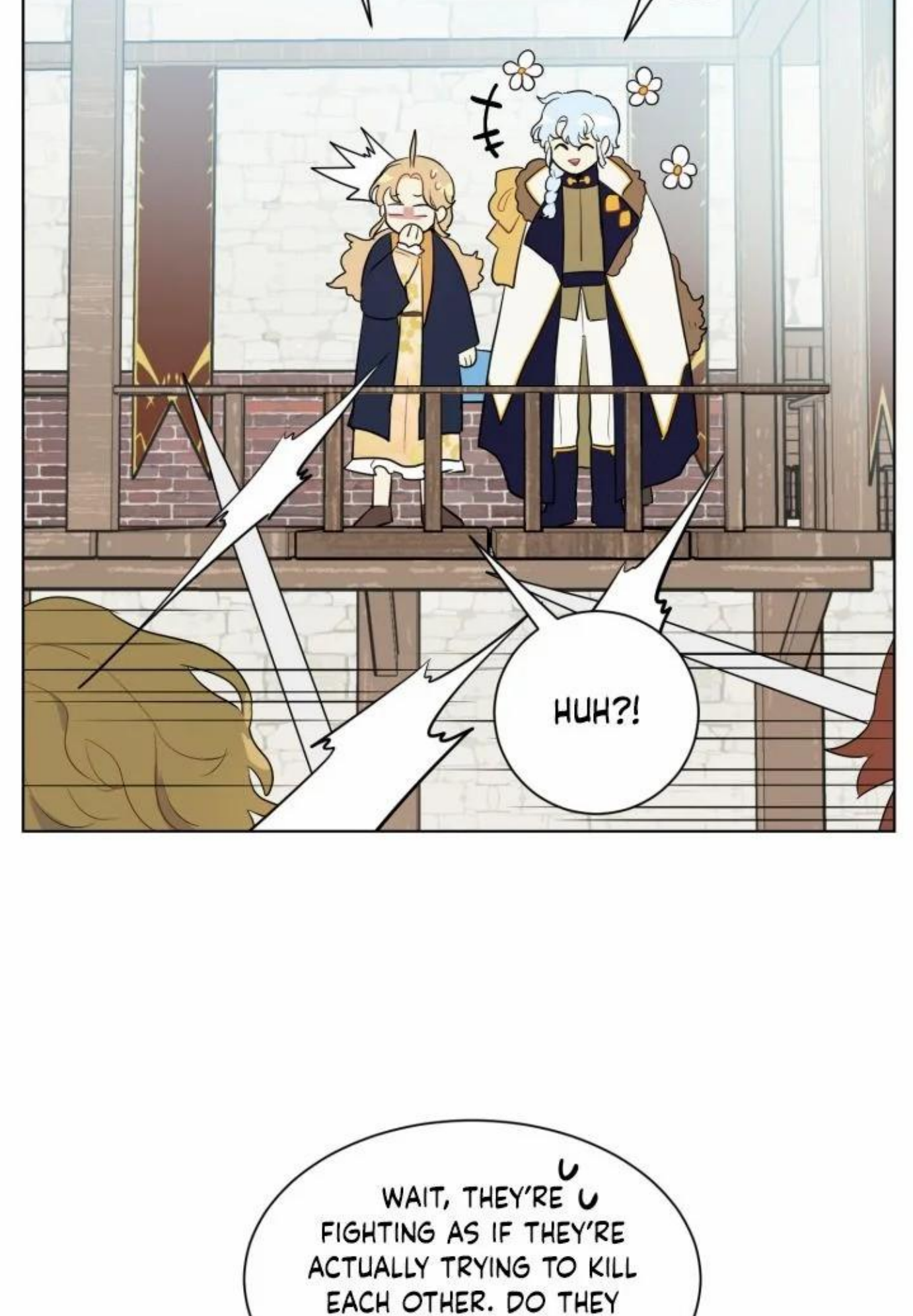




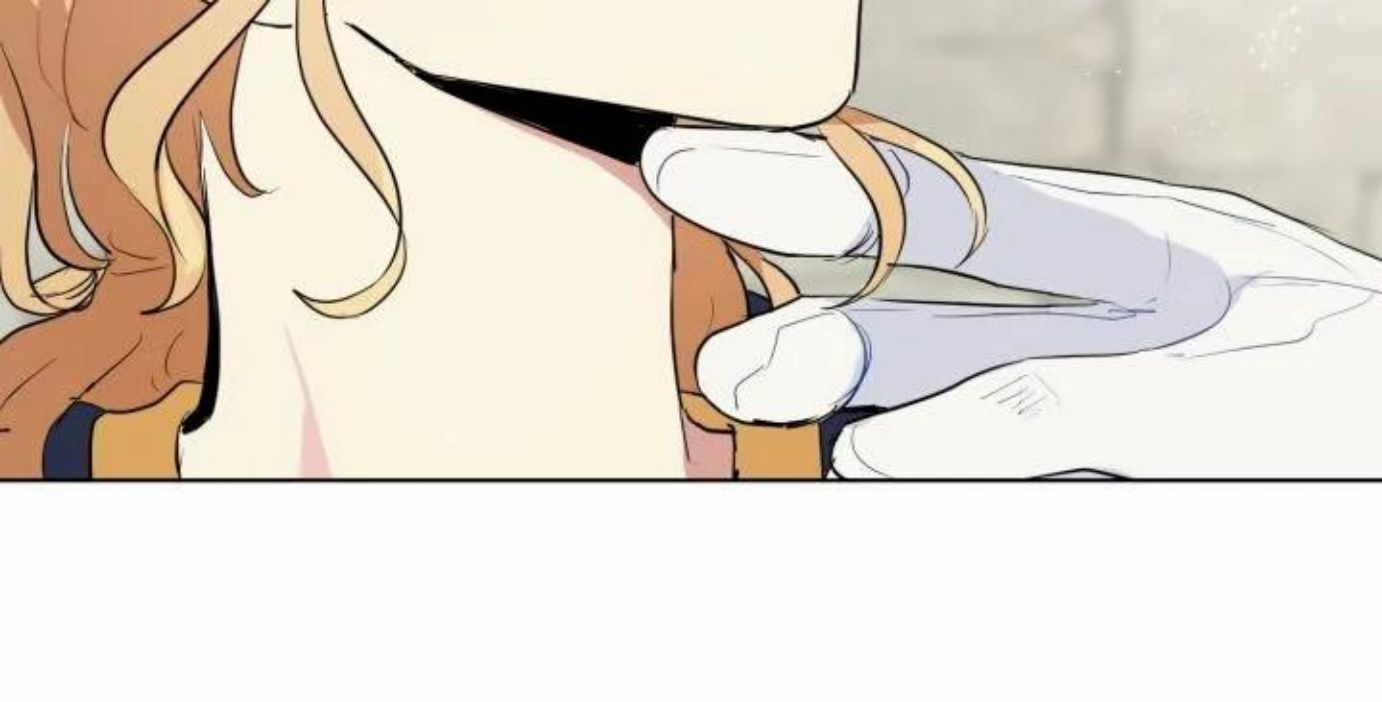
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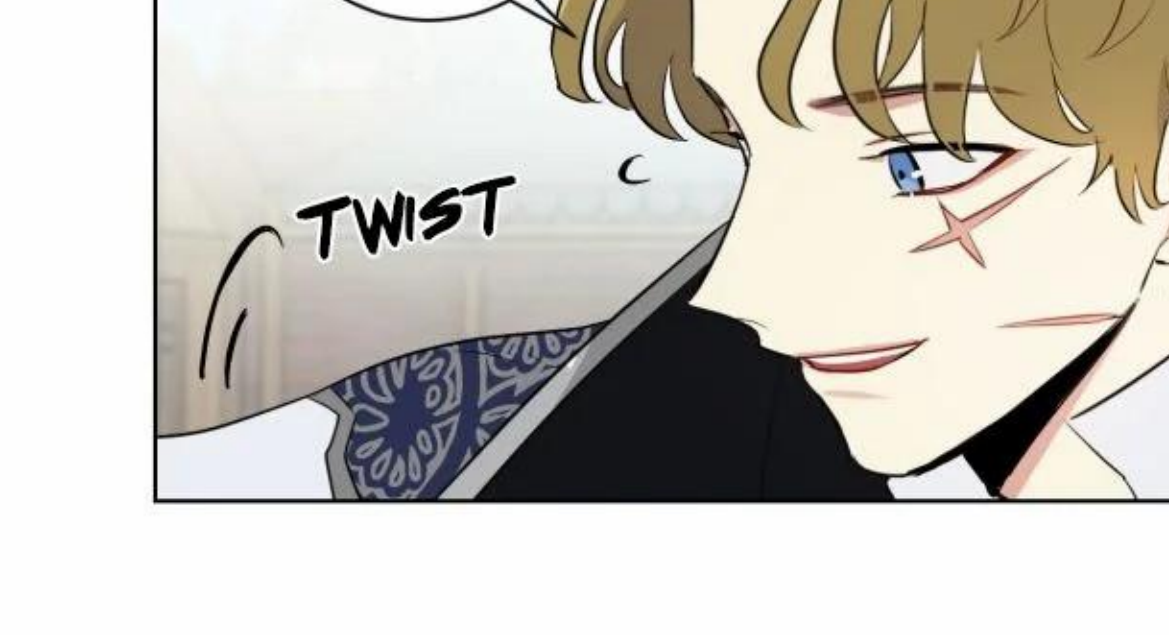
















THE DUKE CHOSE THAT KNIGHT, SO IT DIDN'T HAPPEN.

WOW, EVERYONE SEEMS TO KNOW EACH OTHER SOMEHOW.



WAIT THEN, JUST HOW STRONG IS DUKE RAYBURN?

LAST TIME, HE IMMEDIATELY SHUT MISS BOURBON DOWN...



THEY SAY THAT HE'S THE STRONGEST SWORDSMAN IN THE EMPIRE...

NOT SIR CHANCELLOR?

THEY'RE PRAISING THE PRINCE... I FEEL PROUD.



I HEARD THAT SIR CHANCELLOR'S WOUNDS ARE ALSO...



SILENCE..



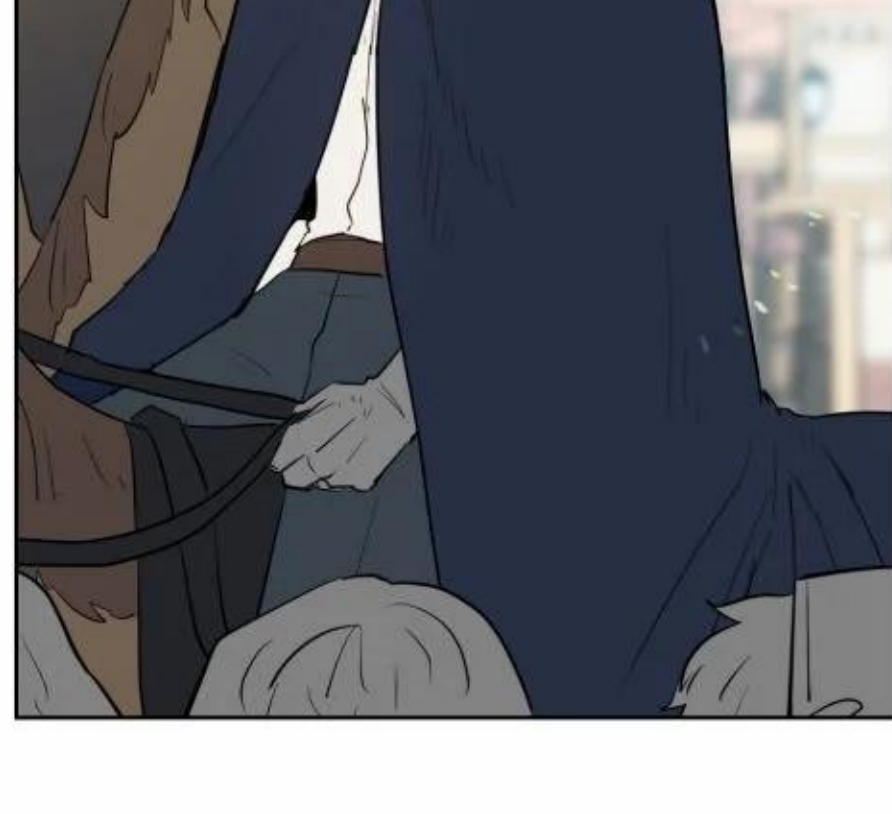
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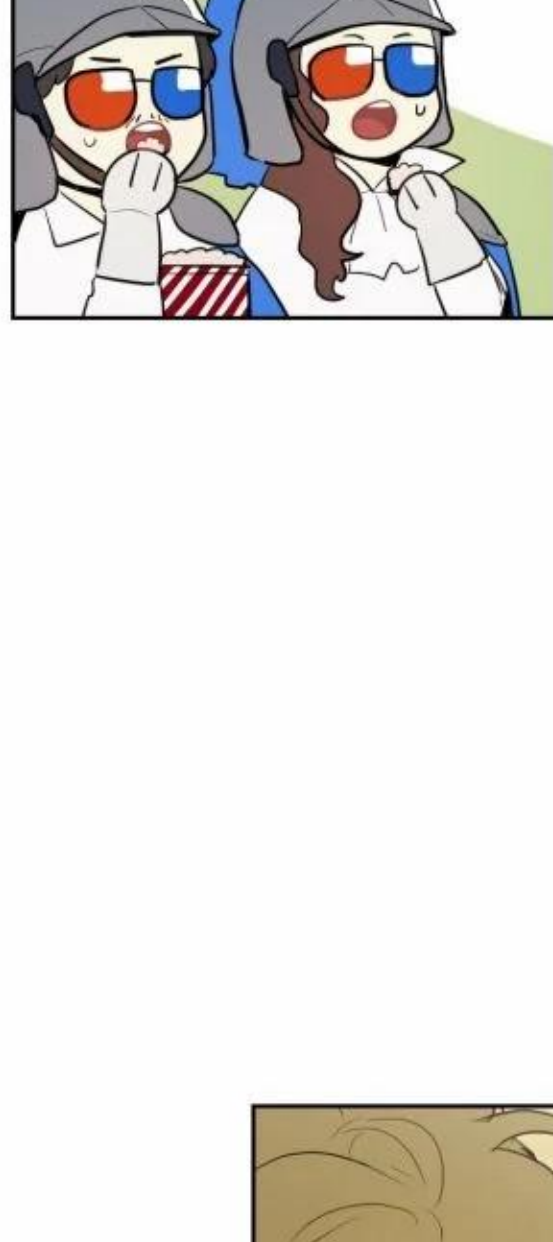
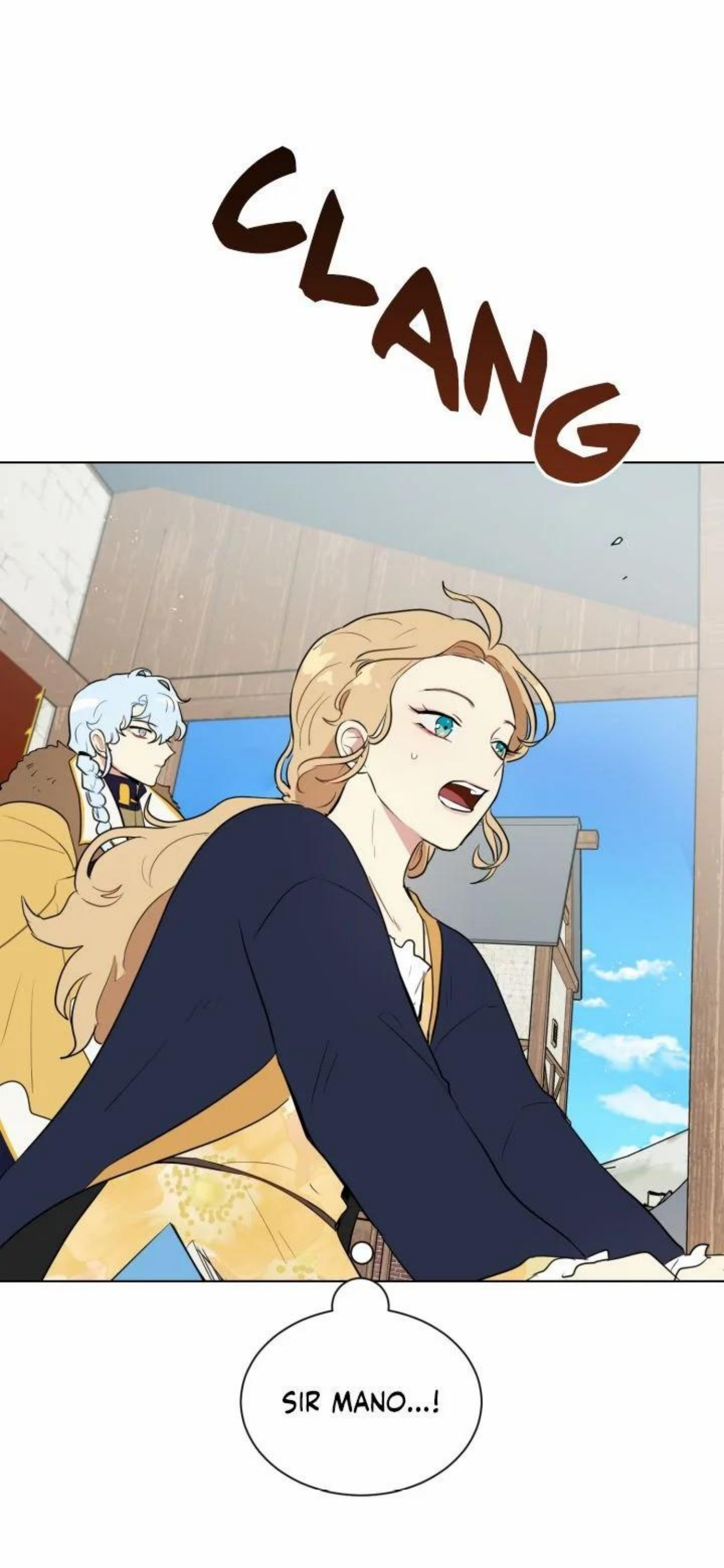
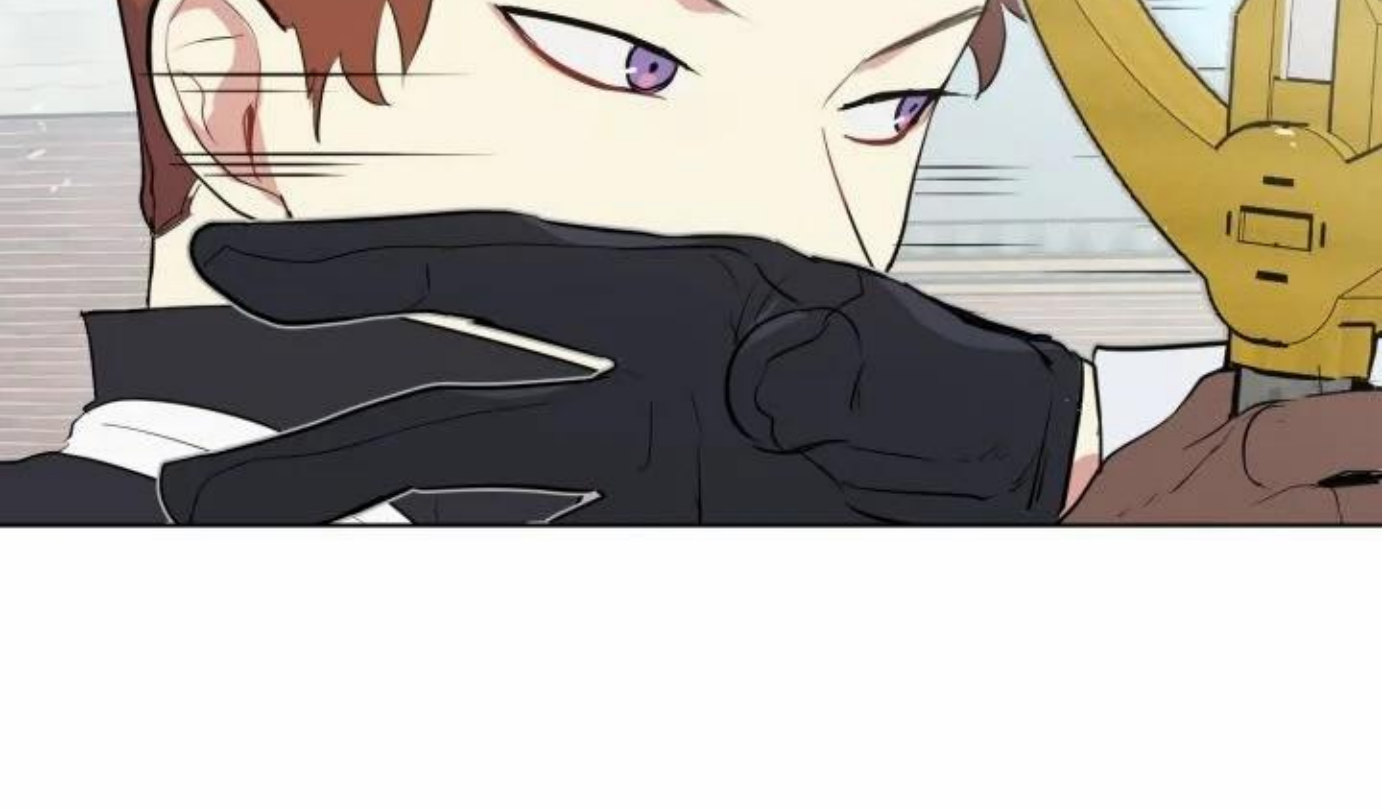
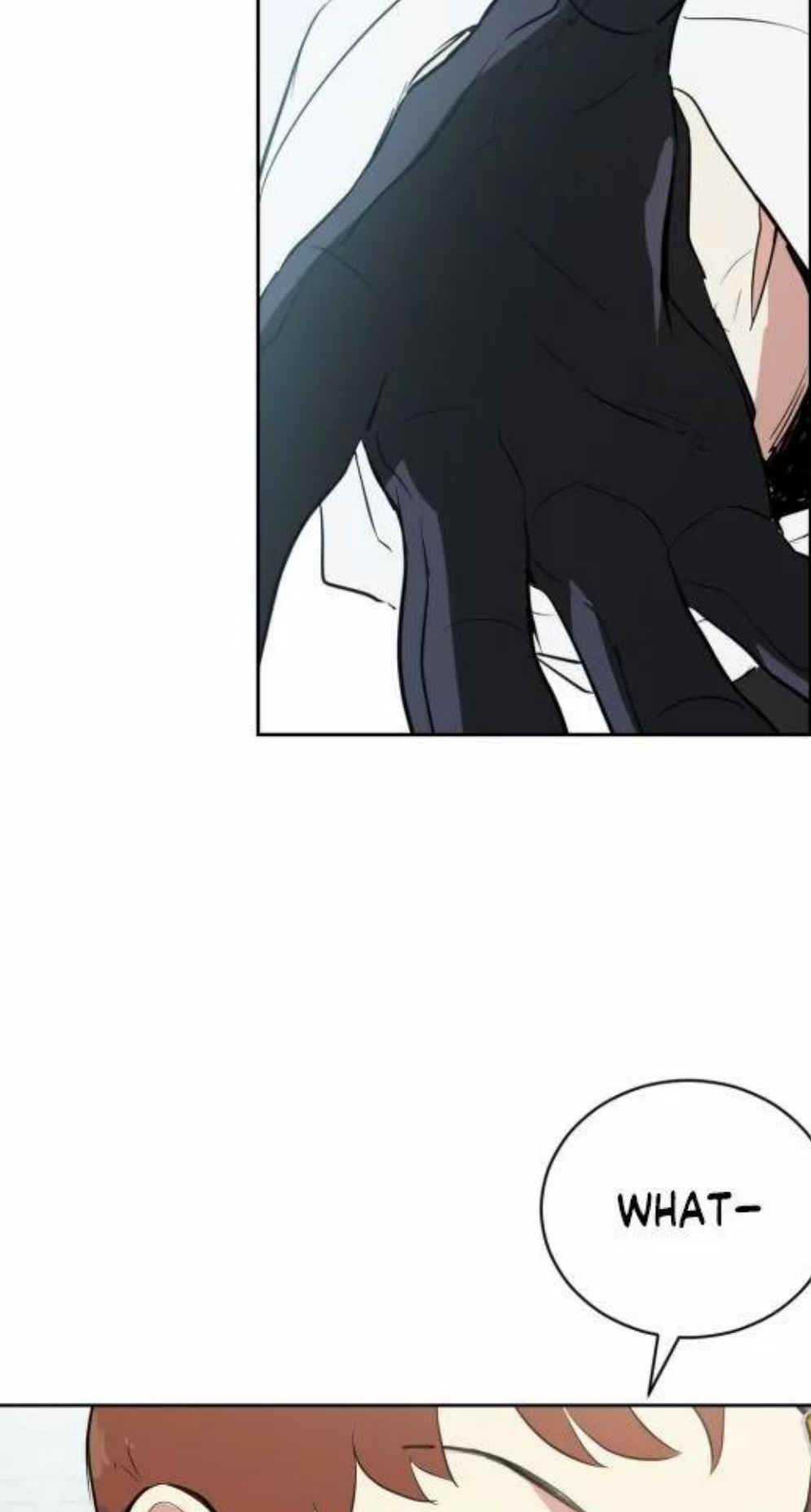
HIS FACE LOOKS TENSE...?



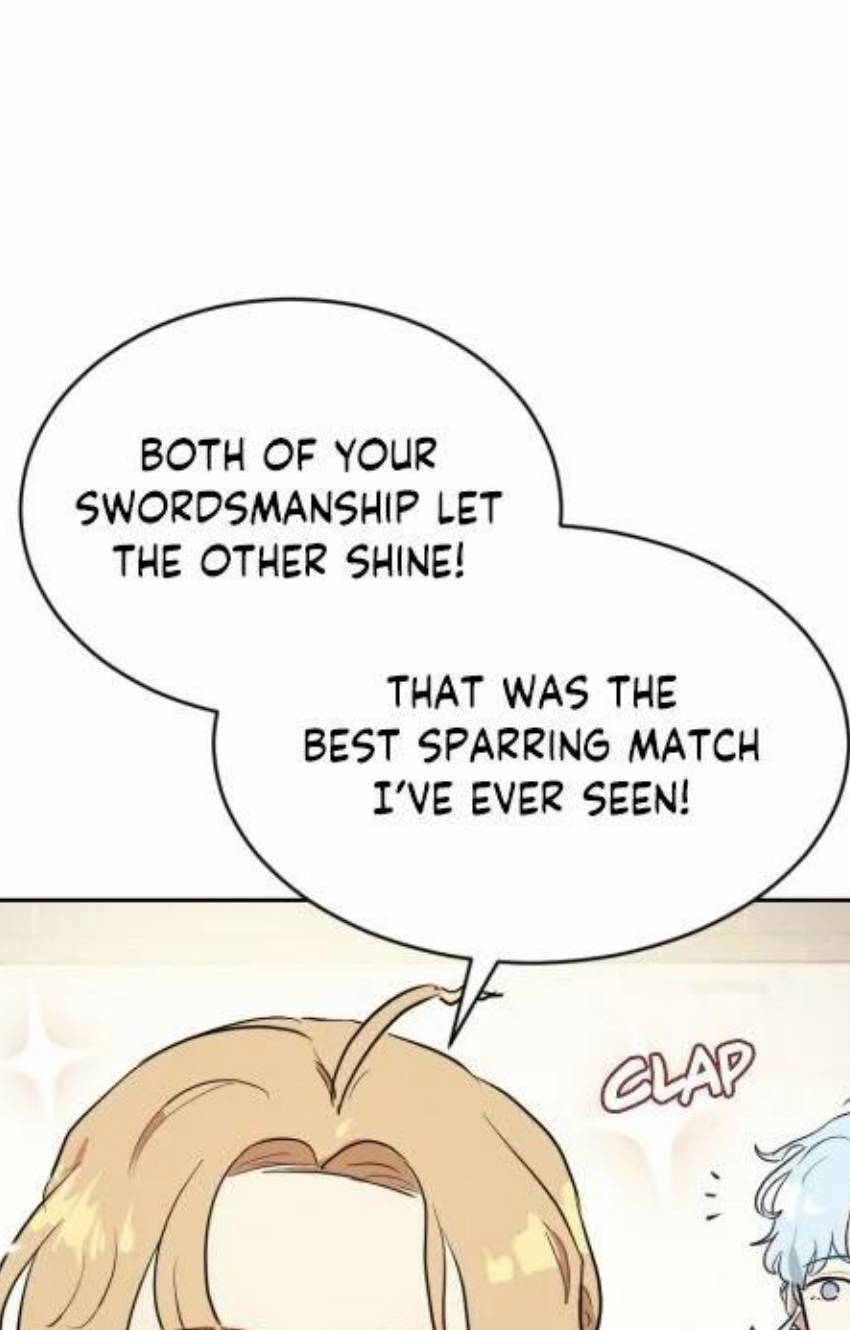
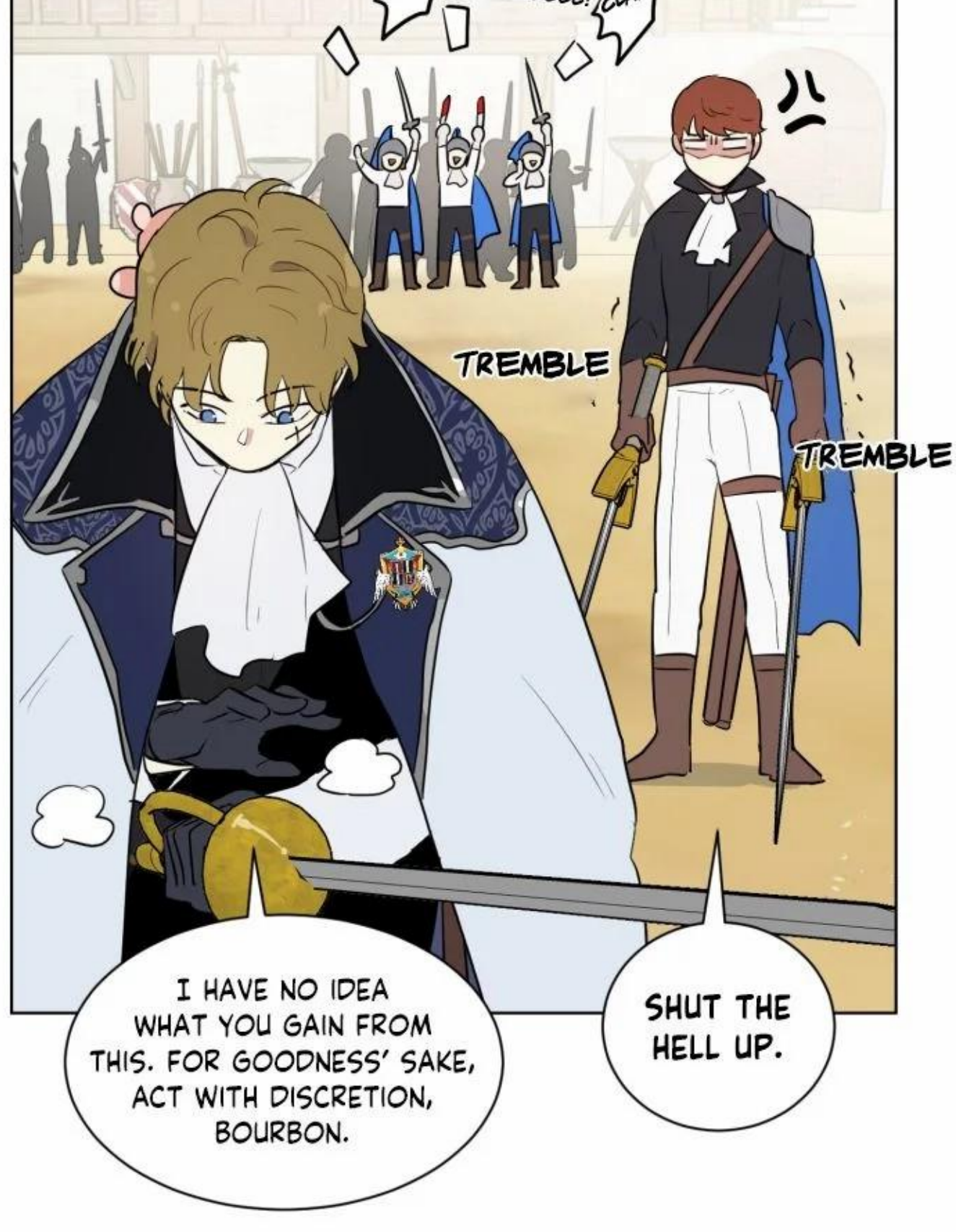
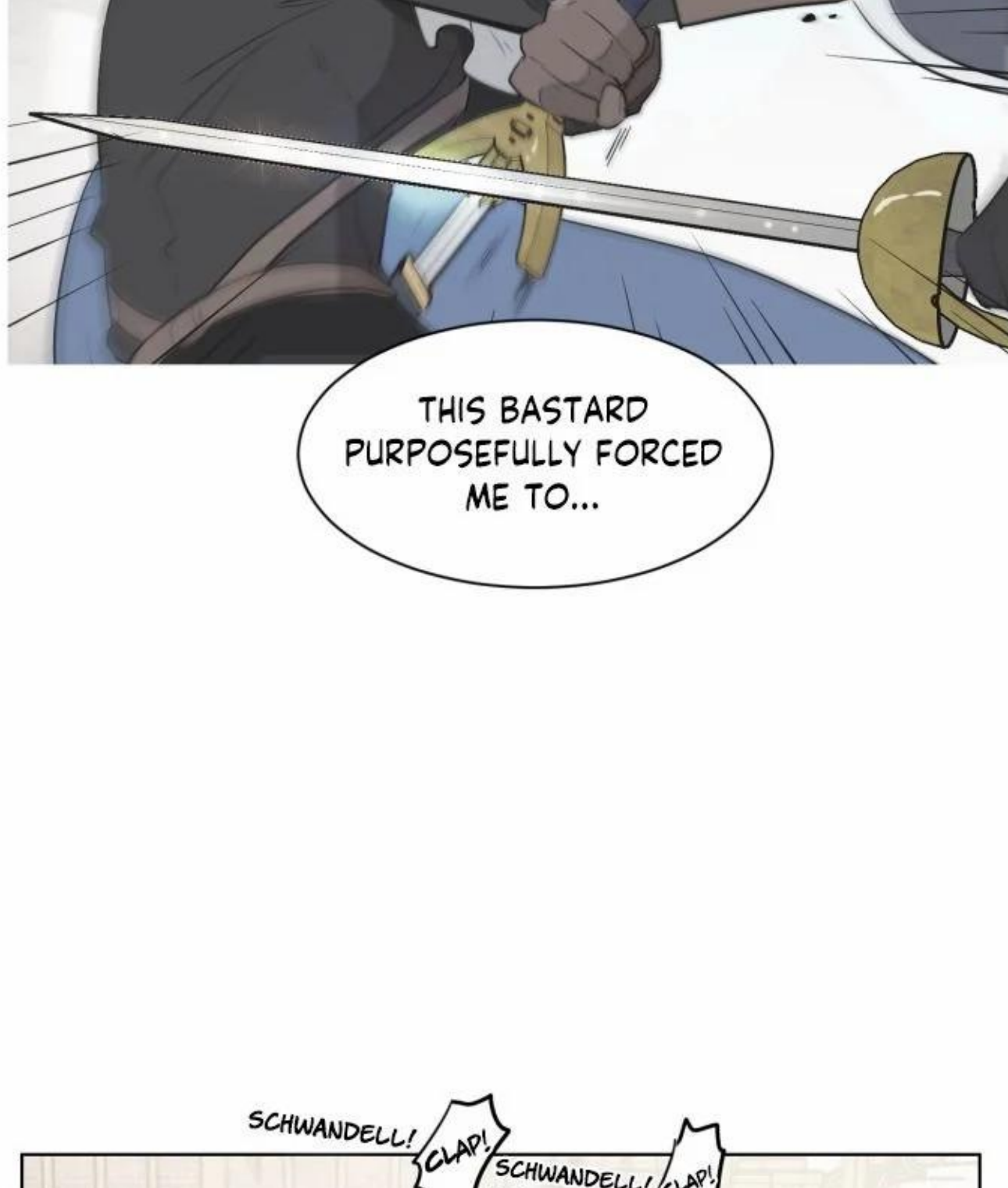
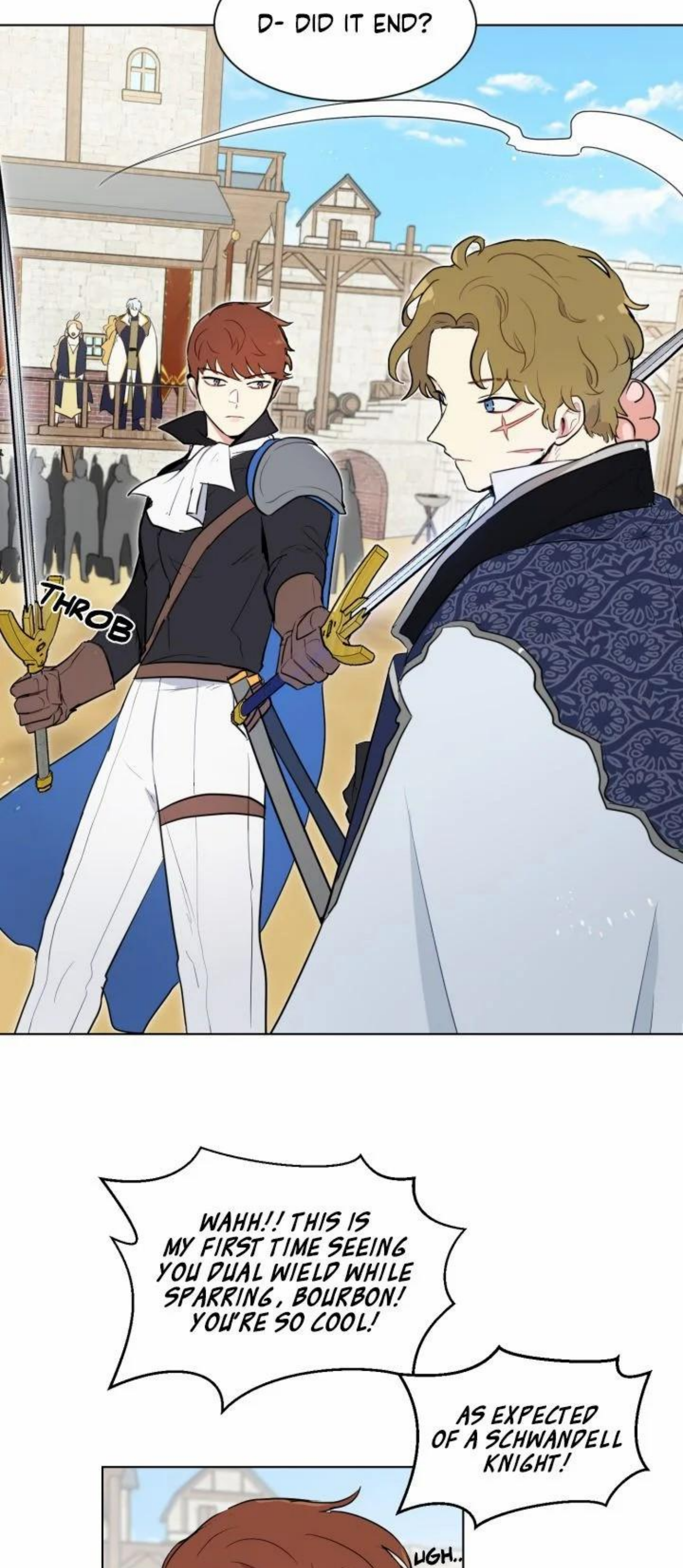












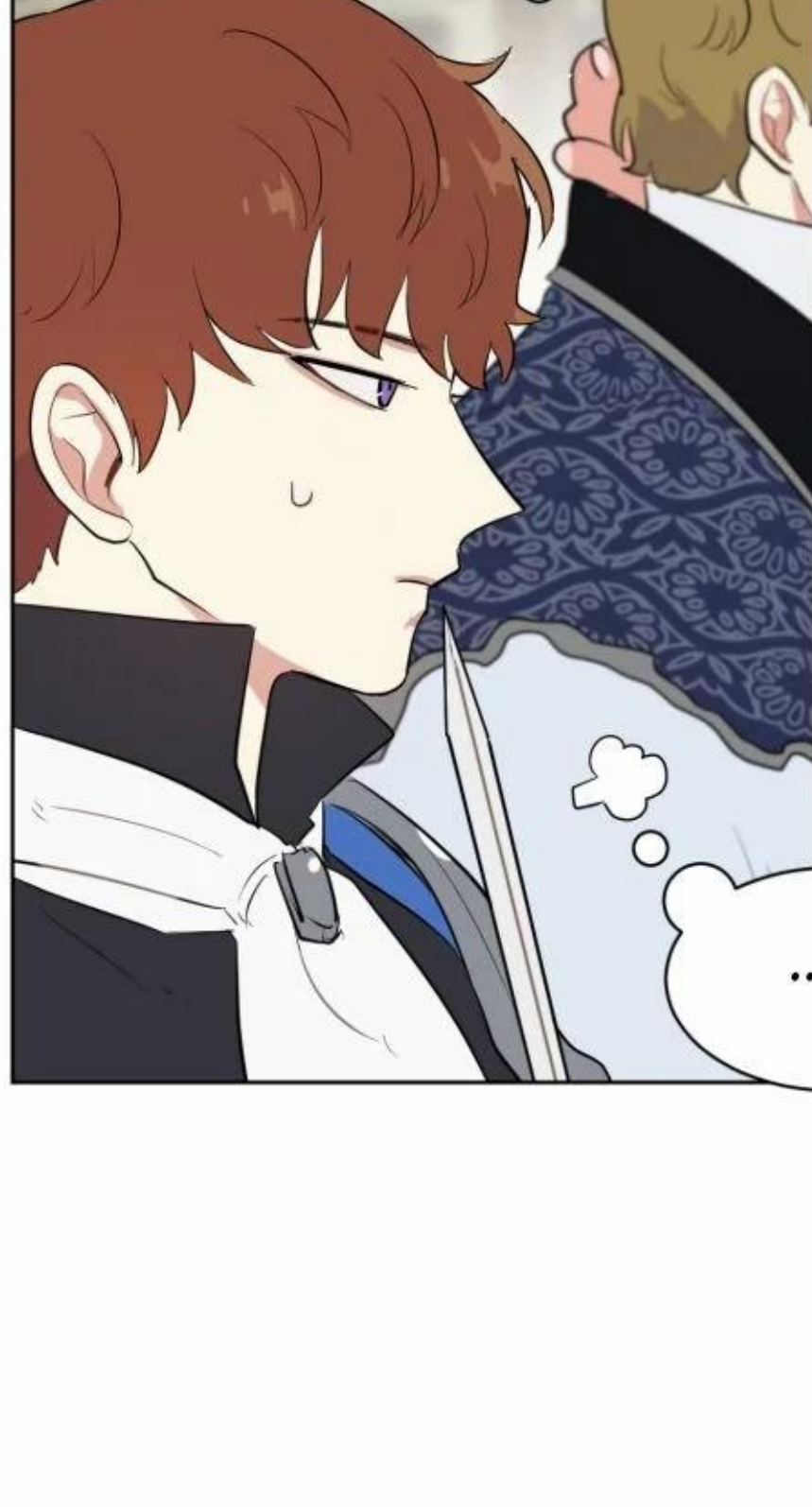




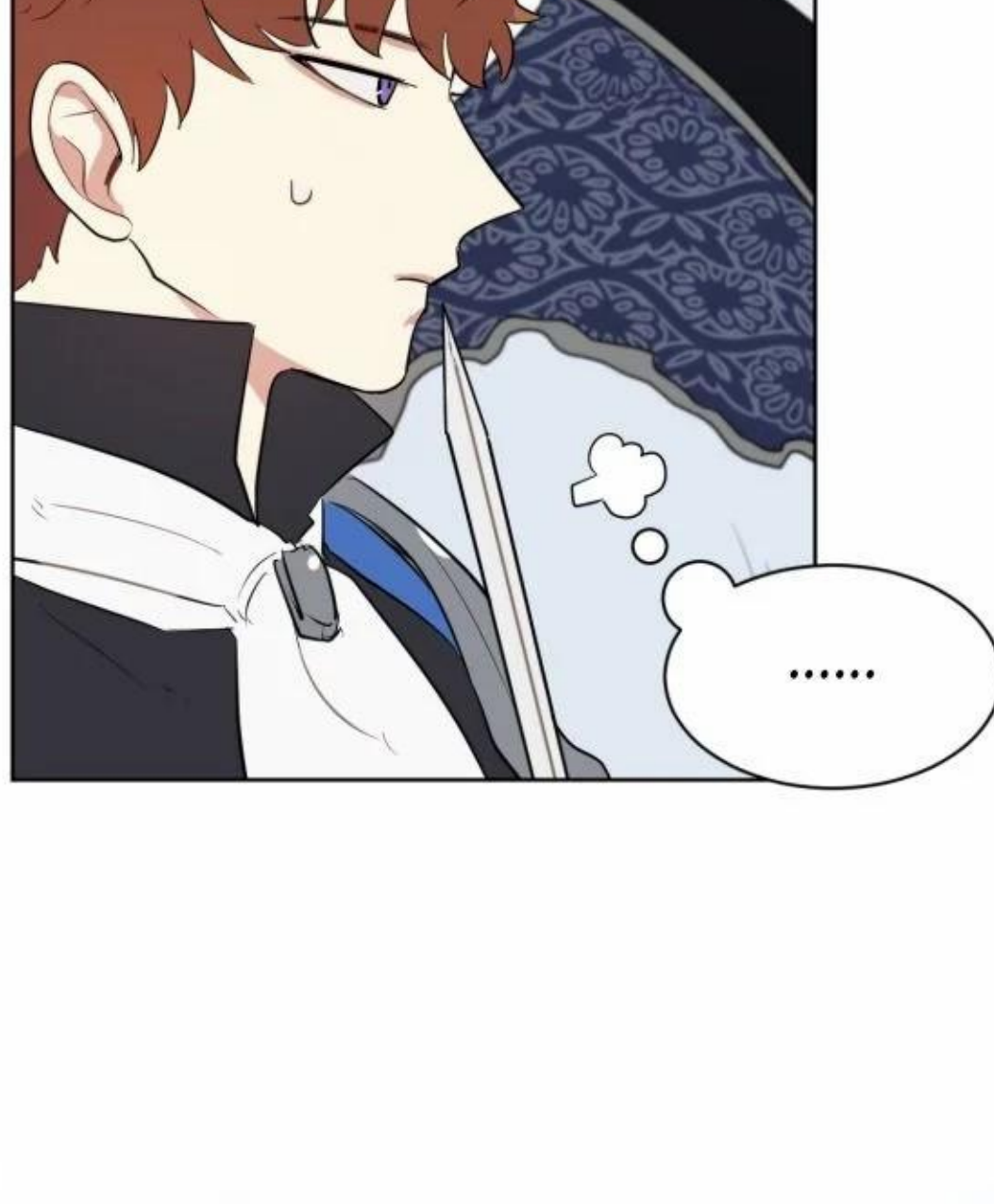
HAHA... I'M PRETTY SURE THIS IS MISS ANGELA'S FIRST TIME WATCHING A SPARRING MATCH.



SIR MANO, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?  
VENTRILLOQUISM



HE'S SMILING...



CLAP



IS THERE SOMETHING GOING ON?



THAT STRANGE NOVEL CREATED A NEW ENVIRONMENT WITHIN THE CITY CENTER, SO ANYTIME SOMETHING HAPPENS THEY ALL JUST CROWD AROUND...

WELL, IT'S NICE TO SEE THEM SO LIVELY.



HERE.

THESE ARE THE NEW BOOKS FOR TODAY.

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THE KNIGHTS  
SHALL BRING YOUR HORSE.  
PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT,  
YOUR HIGHNESS.



THERE ARE  
MORE PEOPLE THAN  
BEFORE.

NEWBIE,  
CALM THAT  
HORSE DOWN. IT'S  
GOING TO HIT  
SOMEONE.



THERE'S A  
FESTIVAL GOING  
ON RIGHT NOW, SO  
IT'LL BE NOISY FOR  
AT LEAST TWO  
DAYS.



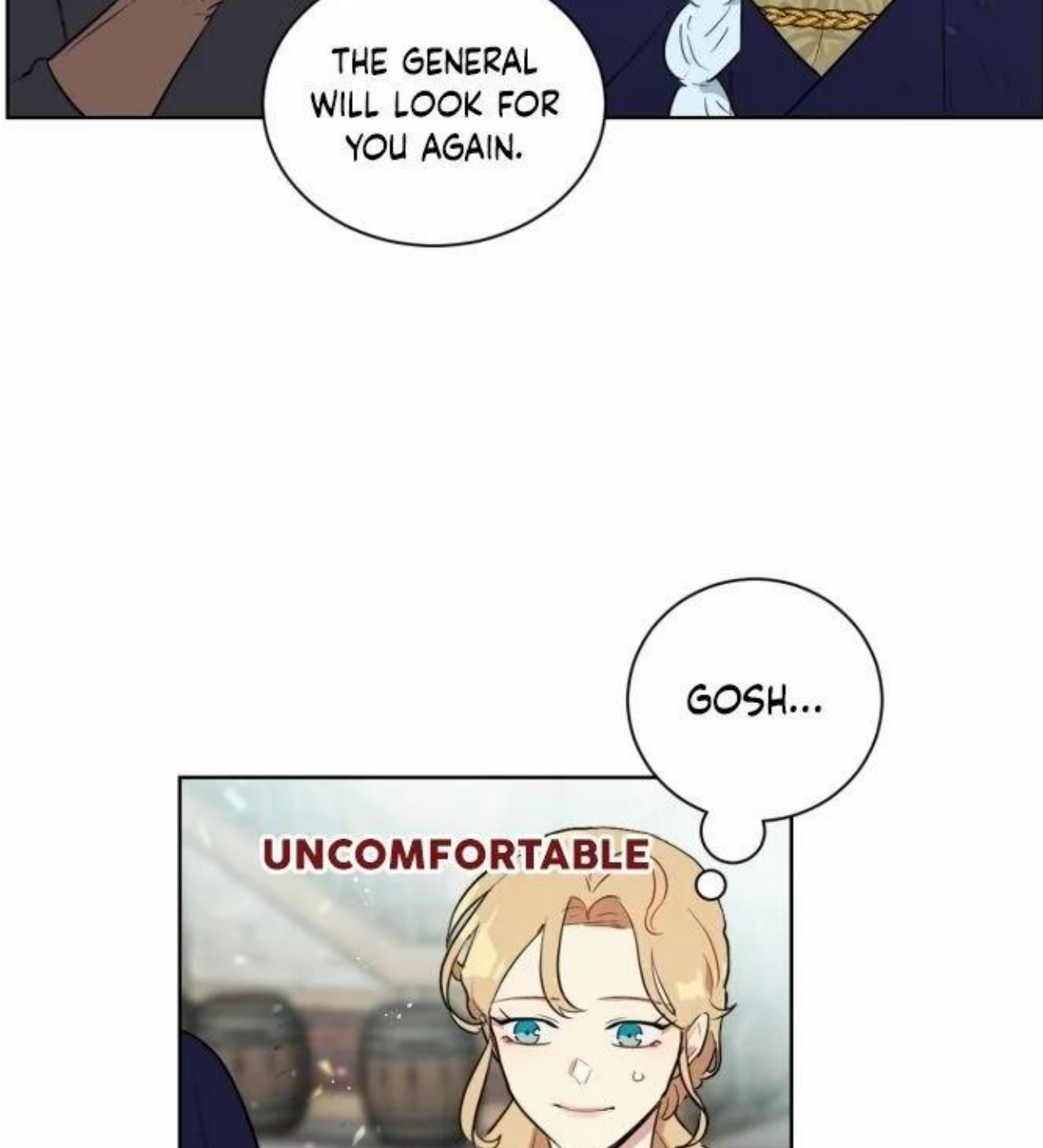
IT REMINDS  
ME OF WHEN MY  
PRINCE AND I CHASED  
BLEN DOWN.



SHALL WE  
TAKE A LOOK  
AROUND?



YOUR HIGHNESS,  
IF YOU LEAVE THE PALACE  
FOR TOO LONG...



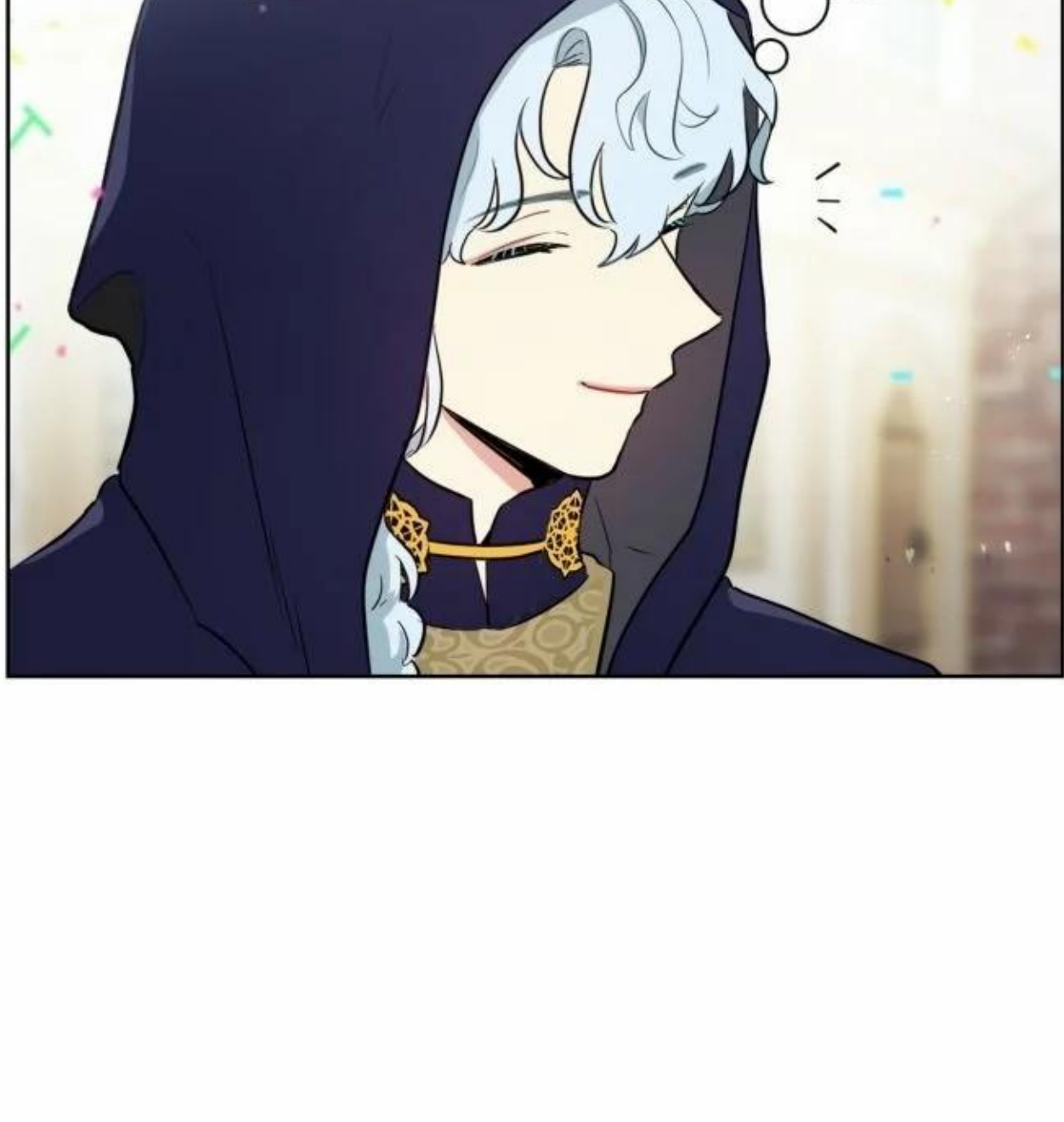
GOSH...



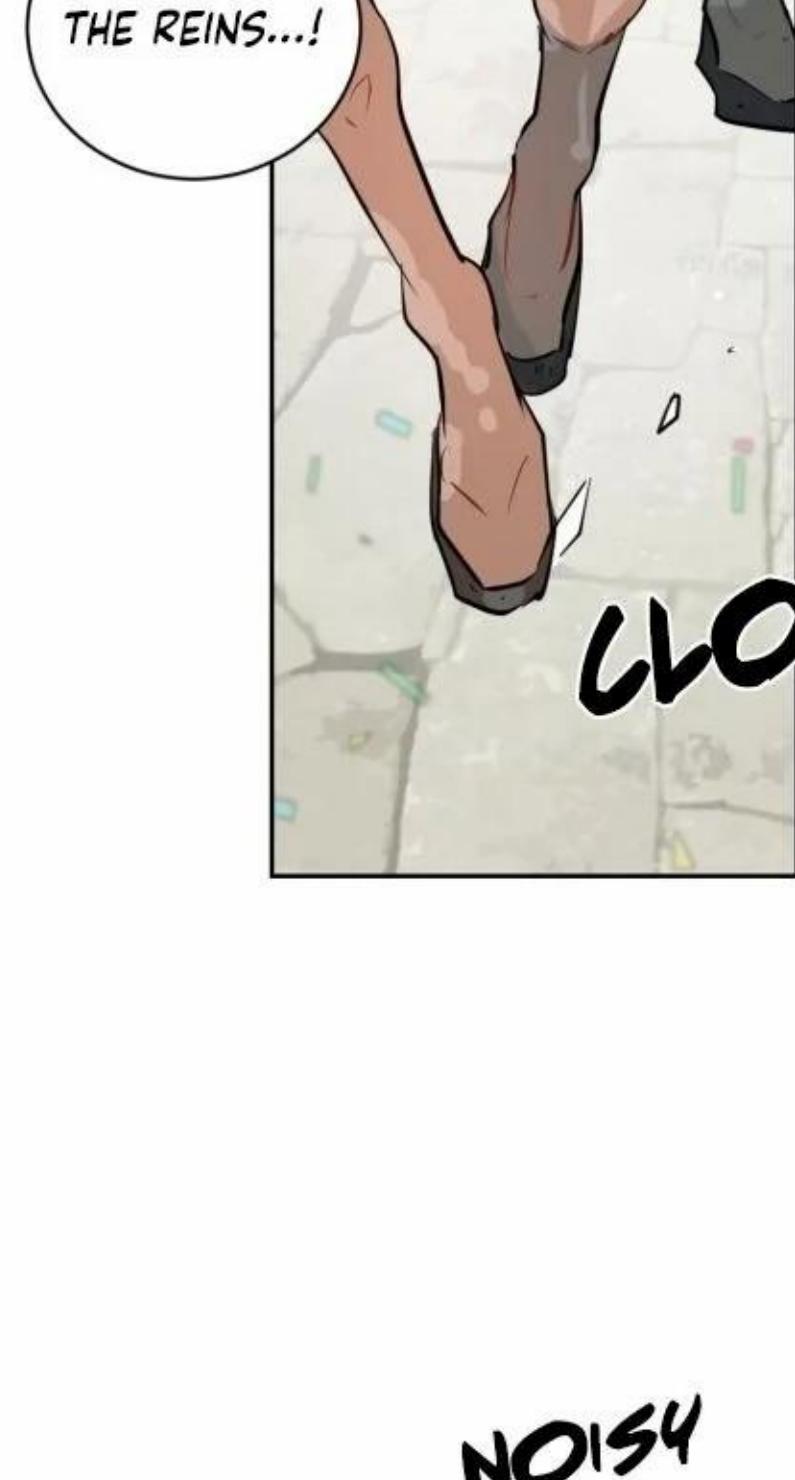
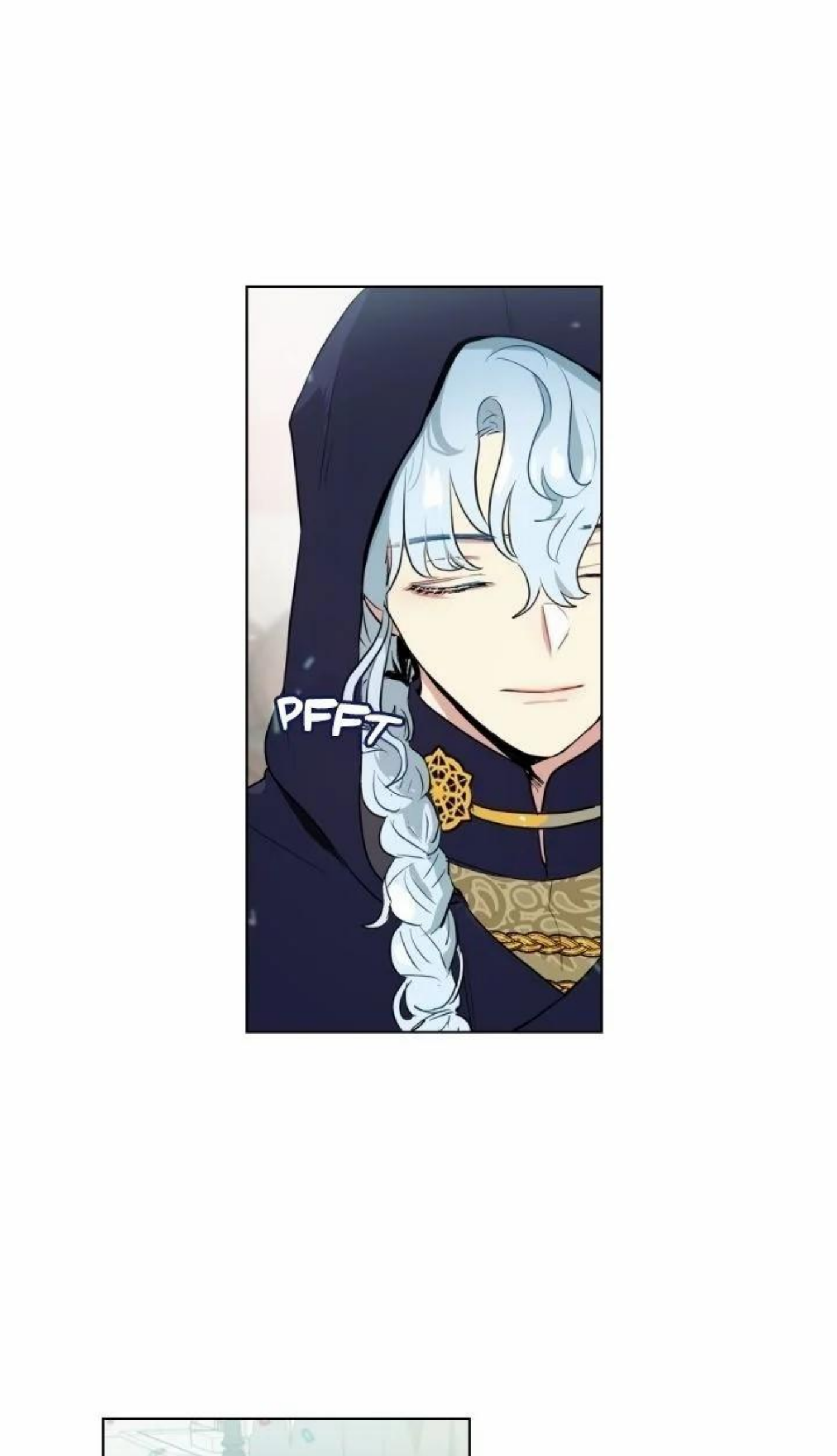
I'M FINE.  
I WAS ABOUT TO  
RETURN TO THE PALACE  
TO FULFILL MY DUTY  
AS A SCHOLAR.



THOSE EYES  
AGAIN.







NOISY

NOISY

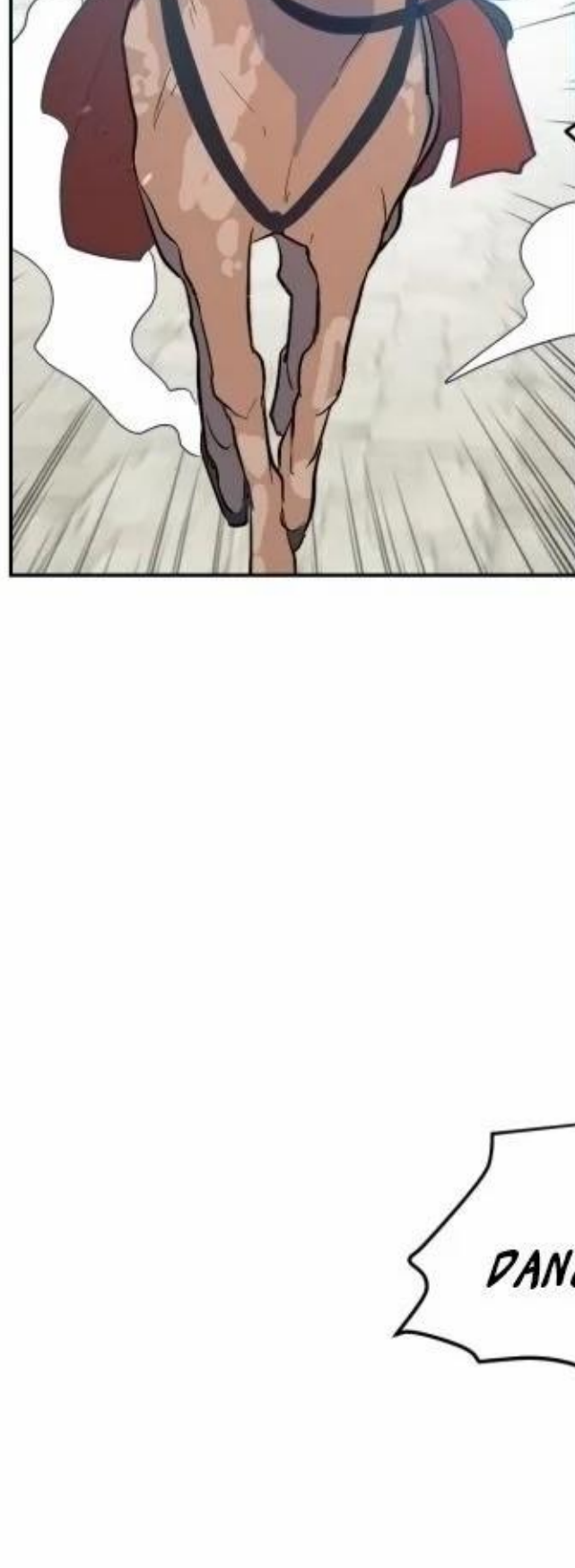
THE HORSE IS ON  
A RAMPAGE!

BE CAREFUL!





CLOP  
CLOP



YOUR  
HIGHNESS!



IT'S  
DANGER-...!

WAIT,



WHISPER

WE MIGHT  
GET IN TROUBLE  
IF WE TOUCH HIS  
HIGHNESS WITHOUT  
PERMISSION!

HIS GUARD  
WILL COME

ANYWAY...

SIA

SH



?!

MISS ANGELA!

SLI

DE

Y-, YOUR  
HIGHNESS!

UGH.



MISS BOURBON!

YOUR  
HIGHNESS!



GOSH... WHAT  
WERE YOU DOING,  
JUST STANDING  
THERE...

WOAH!!

SHOCKED



AH... GOSH,  
I'M SO SORRY.



I WAS IN A  
RUSH, SO I...

ARE YOU  
ALRIGHT?



REACH

ARE YOU  
ALRIGHT AS WELL,  
MISS KNIGHT...

YOU DARE...



HUH?!  
U



HOW DARE YOU  
LAY YOUR HANDS  
ON HIM?!

WELL...

GRAB

SIR FERDERIC,  
ARE YOU ALR-...

LET'S GO  
TOGETHER.

TO THE  
FESTIVAL.

YOUR HI...

PULL

DASH

YOUR... YOUR  
HIGHNESS?!

YOUR  
HIGHNESS!

EVERYONE,  
FOLLOW HIS  
HIGH-...

WAIT A  
SECOND.

TAP

SIR KNIGHT.

IT WON'T  
BE GOOD FOR  
HIS HIGHNESS AND  
THE SCHOLAR IF  
WE CAUSE A  
SCENE.

LET'S FOLLOW  
THEM QUIETLY,  
BOURBON.

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DON'T WORRY  
ABOUT MY SCHEDULE,  
I STILL HAVE SOME TIME  
BEFORE MY NEXT  
TASK.

MORE  
IMPORTANTLY,  
YOU MUST BE GOING  
THROUGH A HARD TIME HAVING  
COME TO THE PALACE  
BECAUSE OF ME,  
MISS SCHOLAR.

MISS  
SCHOLAR?

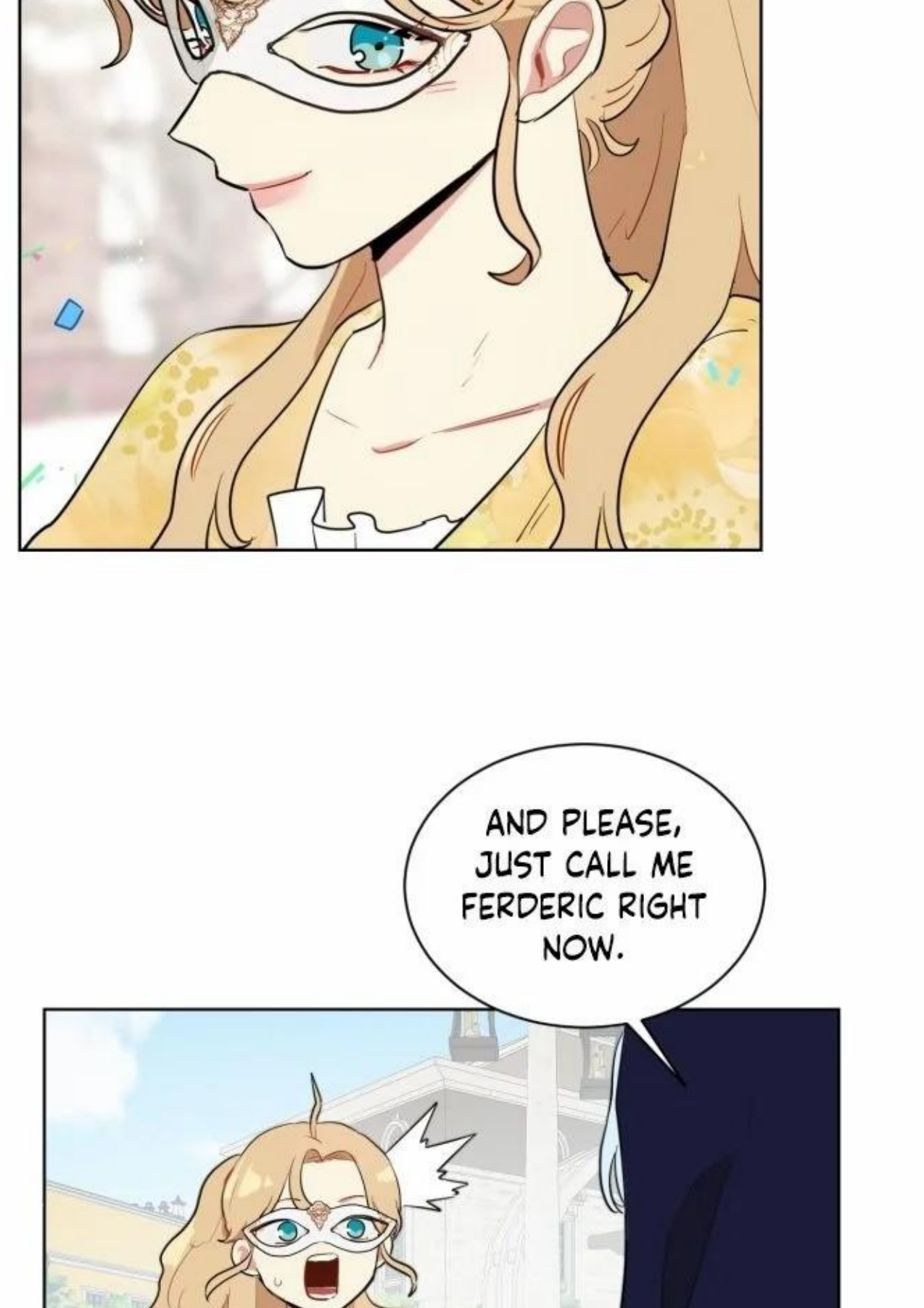
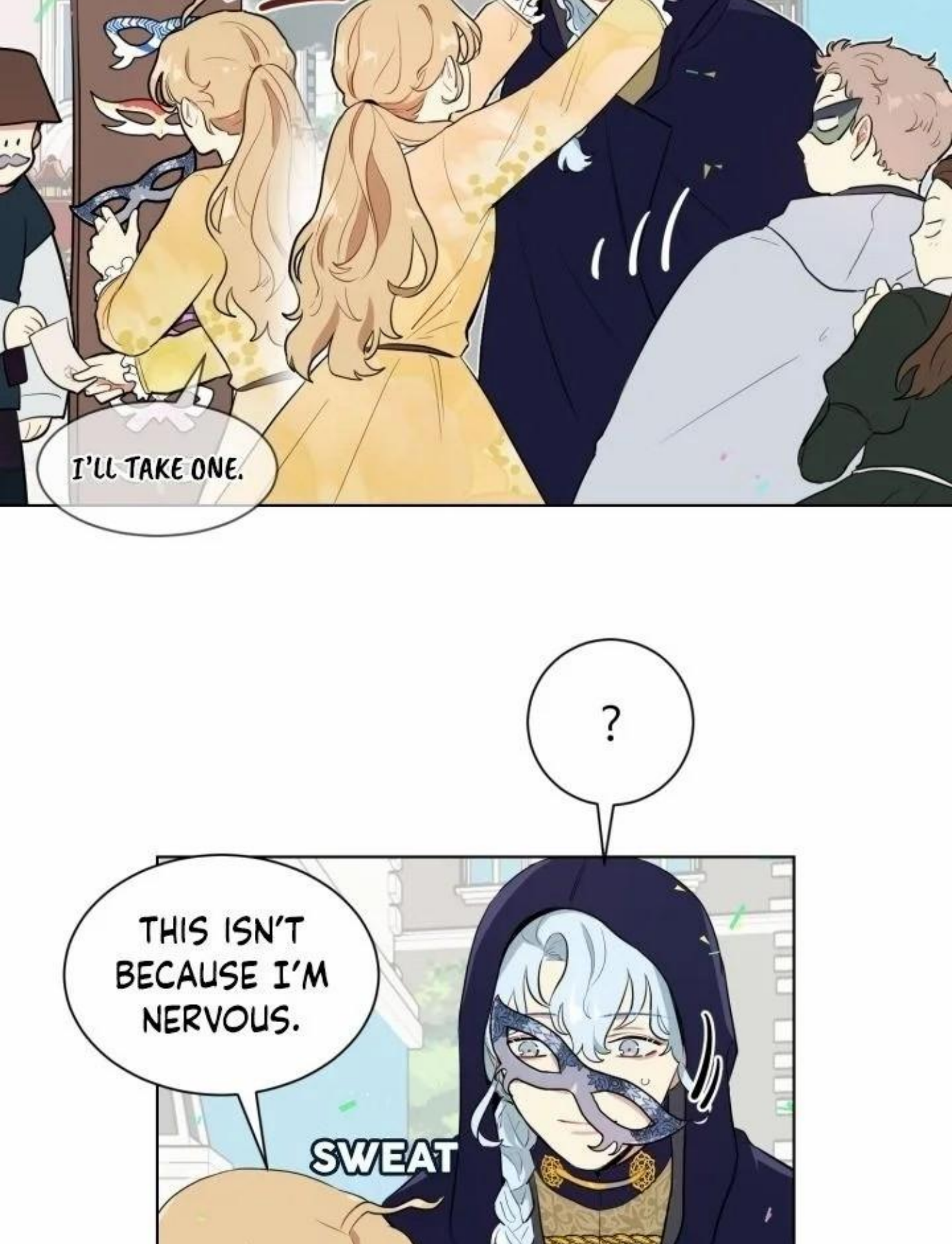
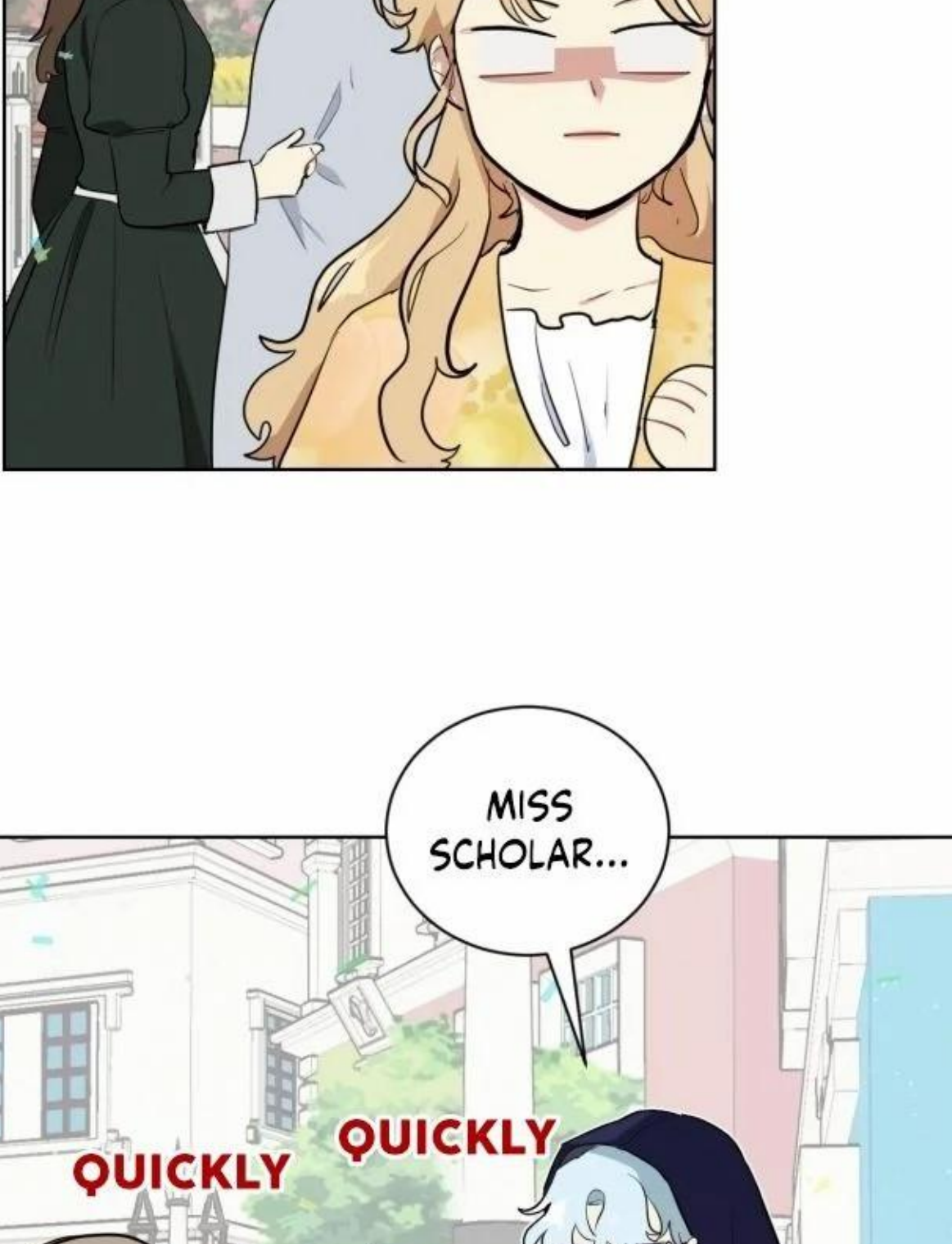
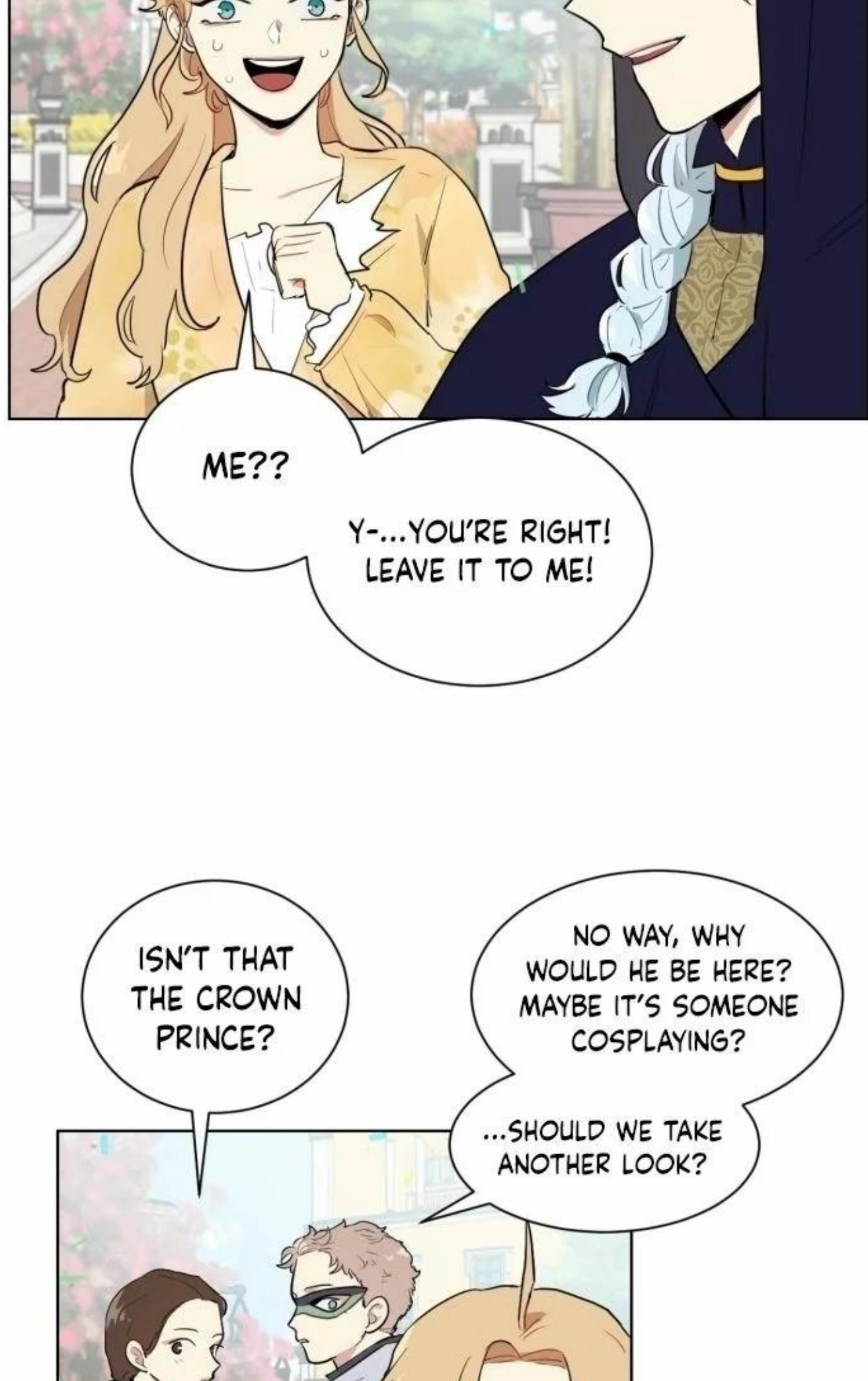
WHAT SHOULD  
I DO??

DID WE BECOME  
SEPARATED FROM THE  
KNIGHTS BECAUSE  
OF ME?

HOW CAN  
WE WALK AROUND  
WITHOUT ANY  
GUARDS...

SUPER  
PRESSURED







I SNUCK OUT WITH MY SIBLINGS ONCE WHEN THE TWO OF THEM USED TO STAY IN THE PALACE.



AH, I THINK PRINCESS HOYA MENTIONED THIS BEFORE.

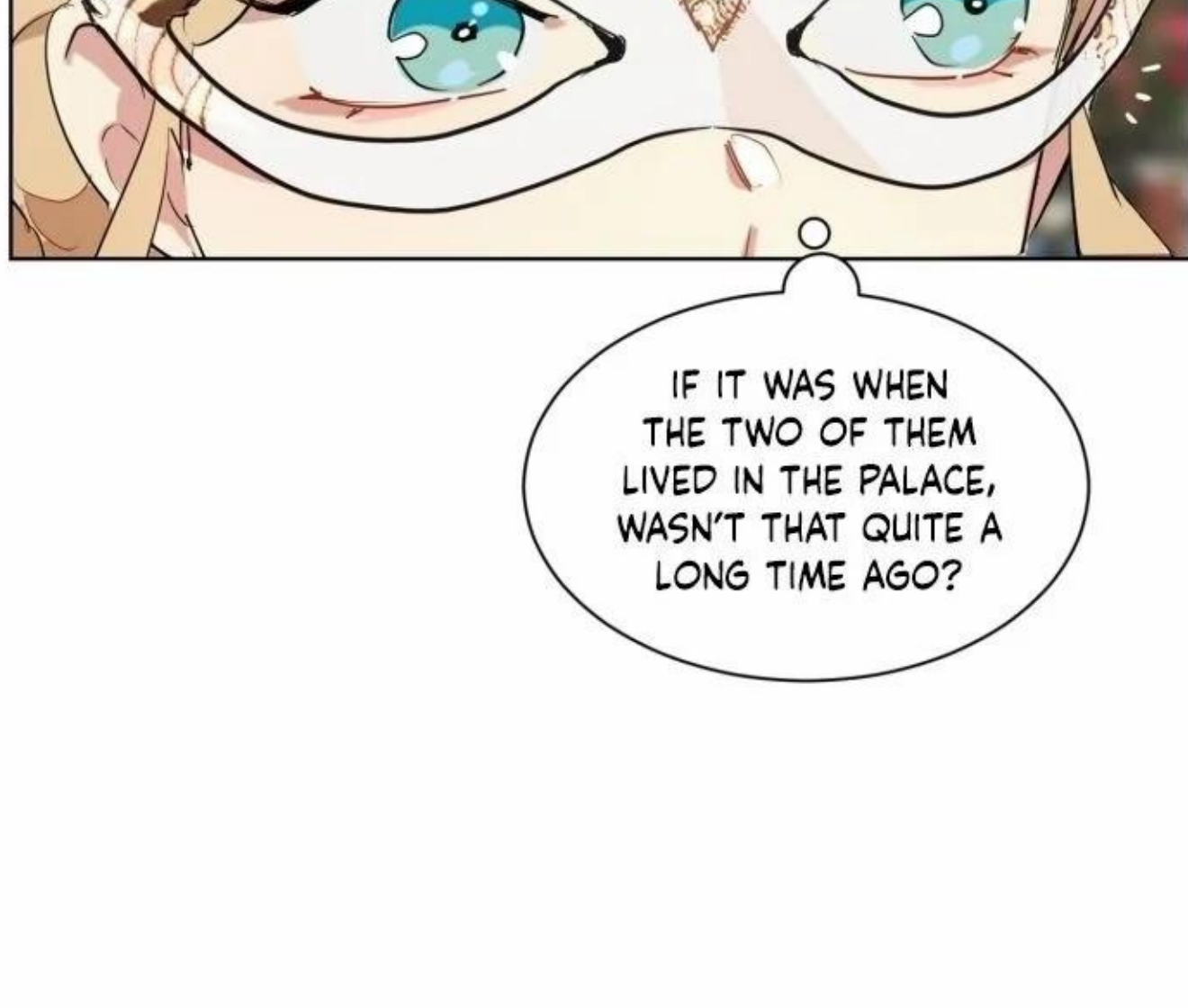
IT'S MY FIRST TIME COMING OUT LIKE THIS SINCE THEN.



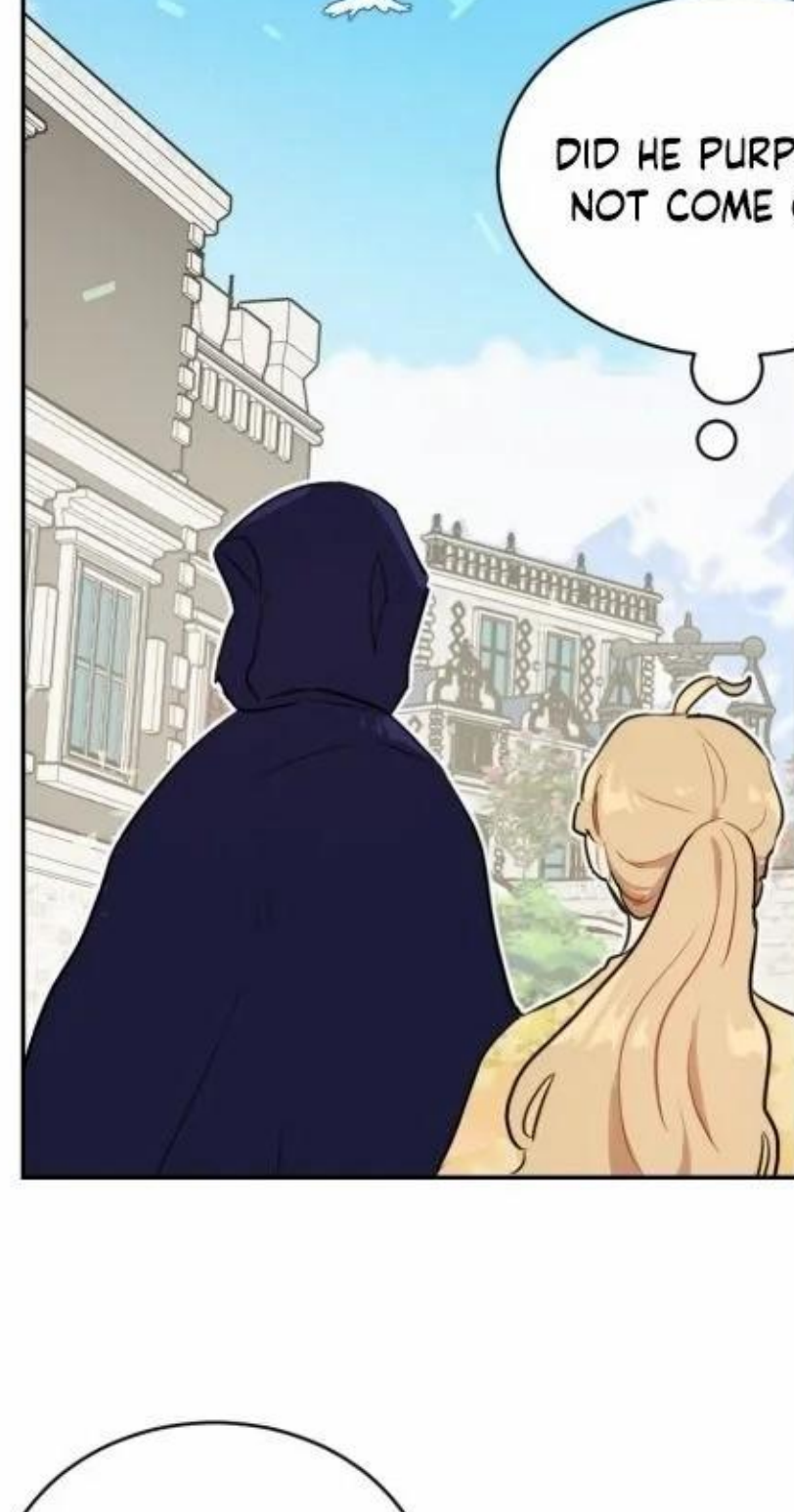
HE SEEMS TO BE IN A GOOD MOOD. SOMEHOW, I FEEL PROUD...



WAIT, FIRST TIME SINCE THEN?



IF IT WAS WHEN THE TWO OF THEM LIVED IN THE PALACE, WASN'T THAT QUITE A LONG TIME AGO?



DID HE PURPOSELY NOT COME OUT?

EVEN THOUGH HE ENJOYS IT SO MUCH.



WHY...



MISS SCHOLAR, SINCE WE'RE HERE, SHALL WE TAKE A WALK TOGETHER LIKE LAST TIME?

A WALK?

**SURPRISED**

YES, A WALK.



I SUPPOSE HE LIKES CALLING IT A WALK.

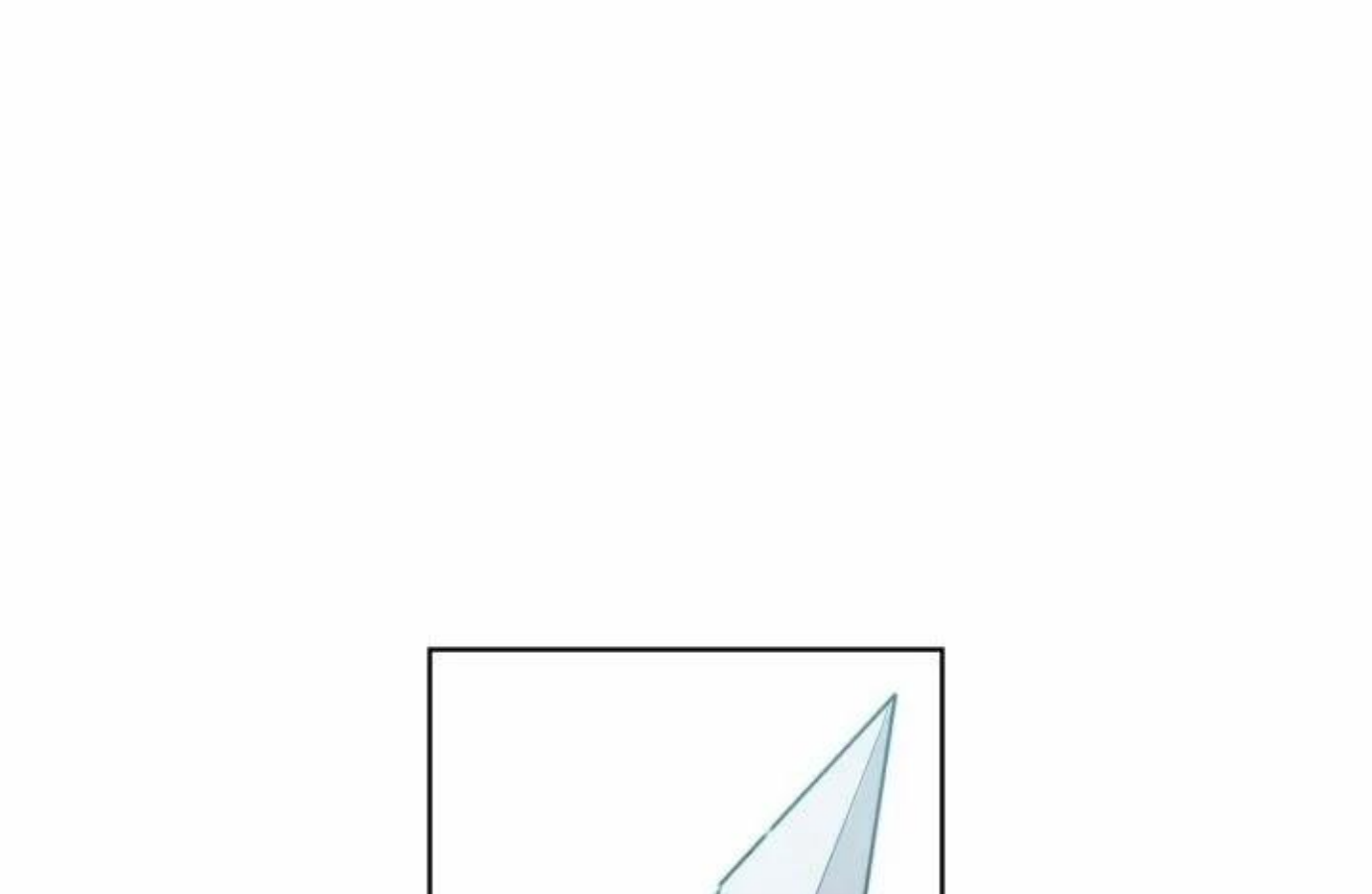
IF MY PRINCE WERE A CAT, THEN I SUPPOSE THE CROWN PRINCE WOULD BE A PUPPY...?



YOU SAID YOU WOULDN'T REFUSE NEXT TIME, RIGHT?











IT'D BE BETTER TO HURRY AND CATCH UP.



.....  
I KNOW.

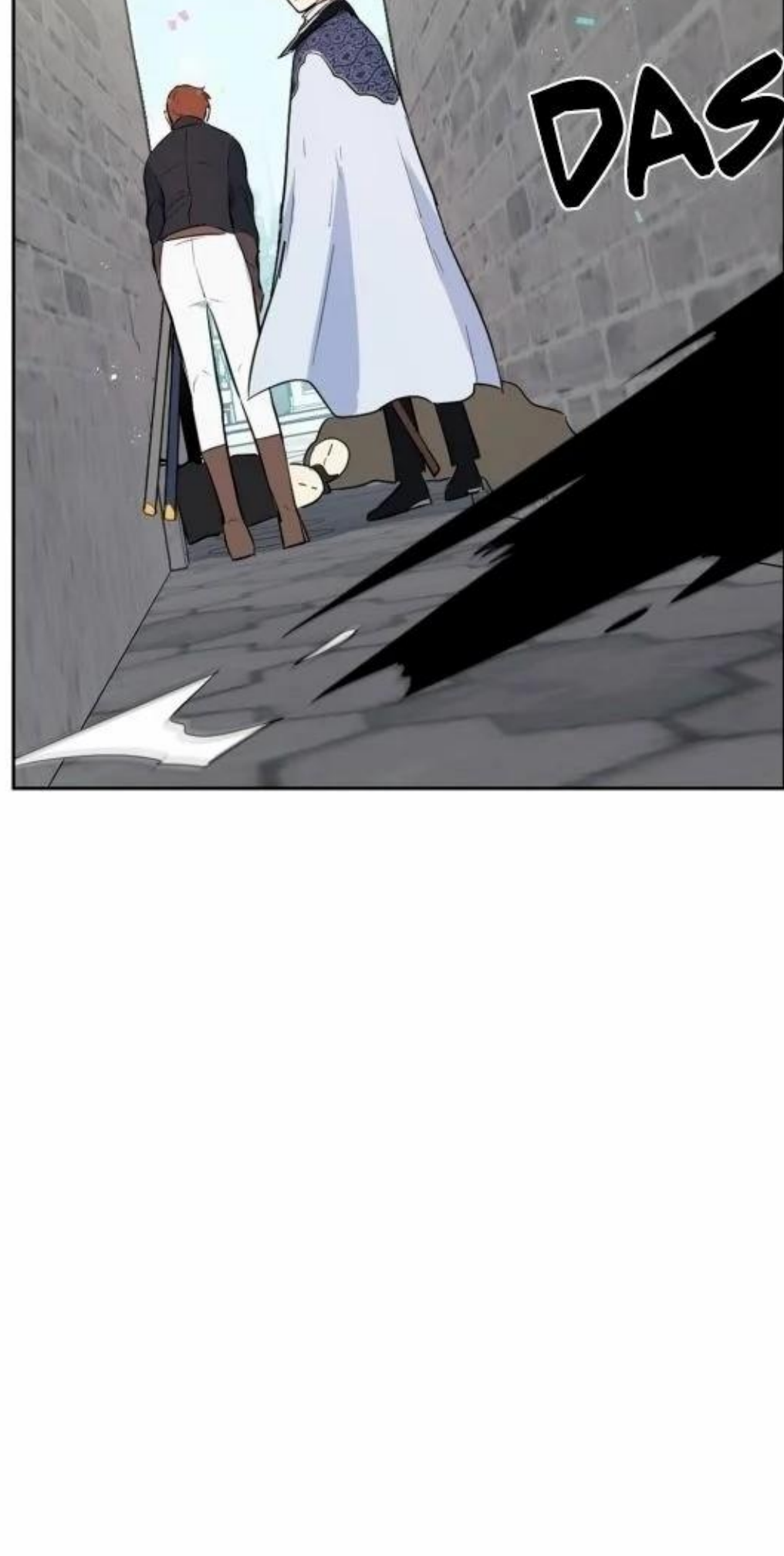


IS IT OKAY TO LEAVE MISS ANGELA LIKE THIS?

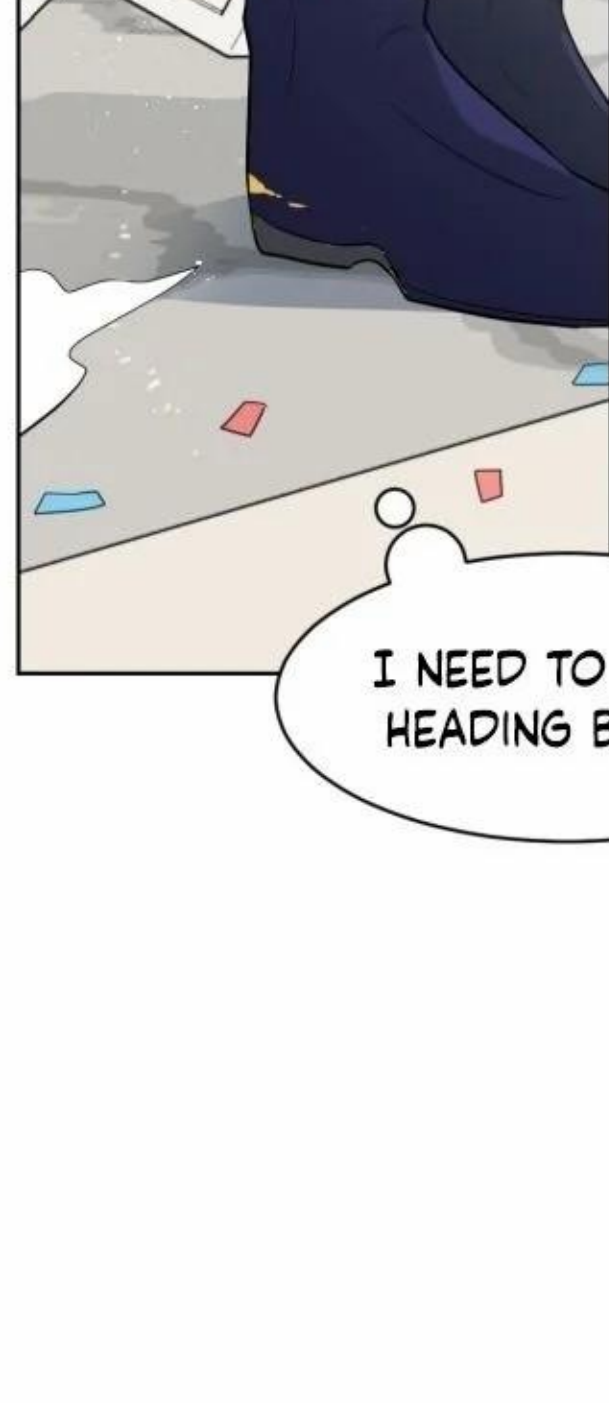
ANYWAY, THE ATMOSPHERE AROUND HERE SEEMS OFF...



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HAH... IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE WALKED FOR SO LONG.



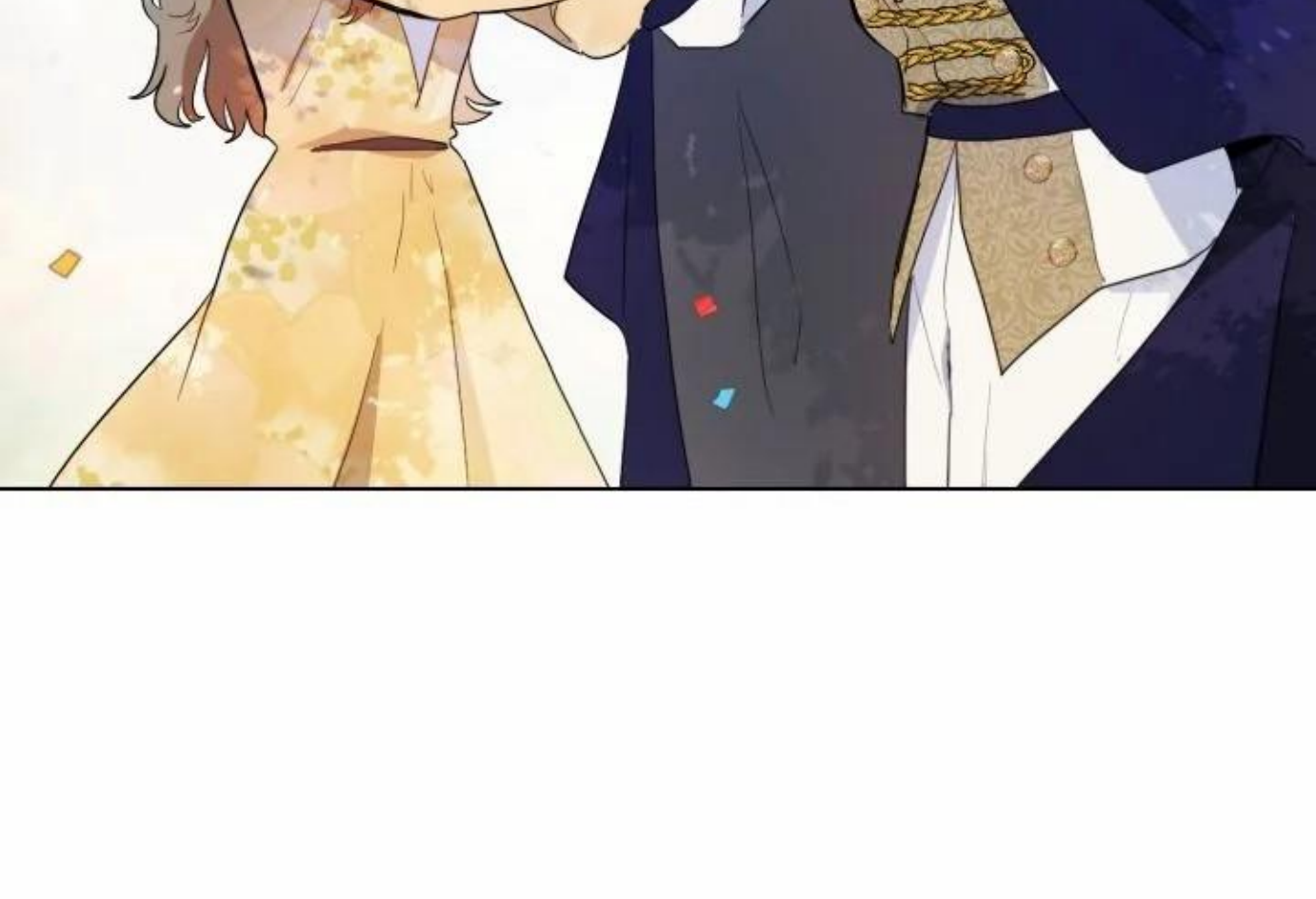
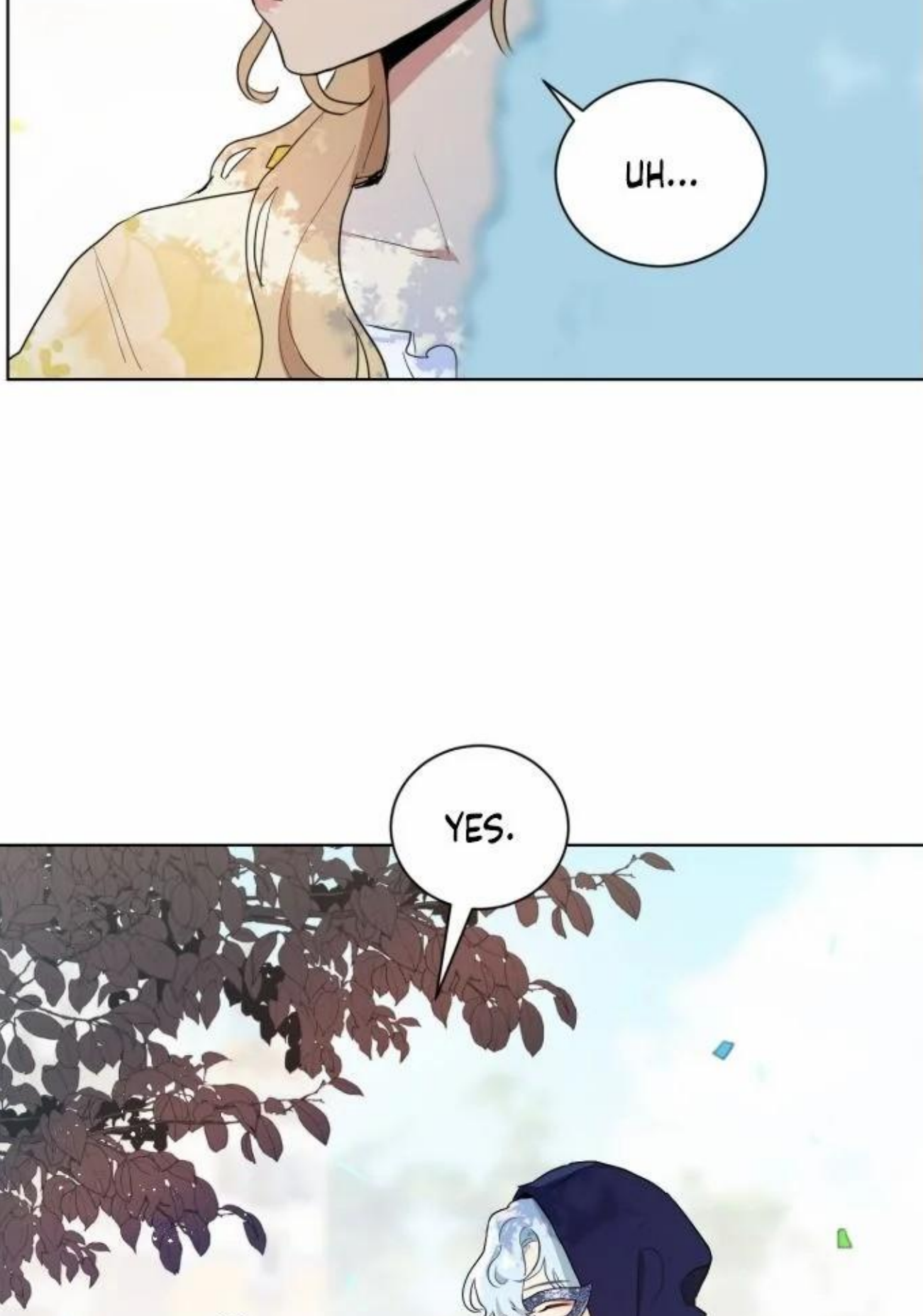
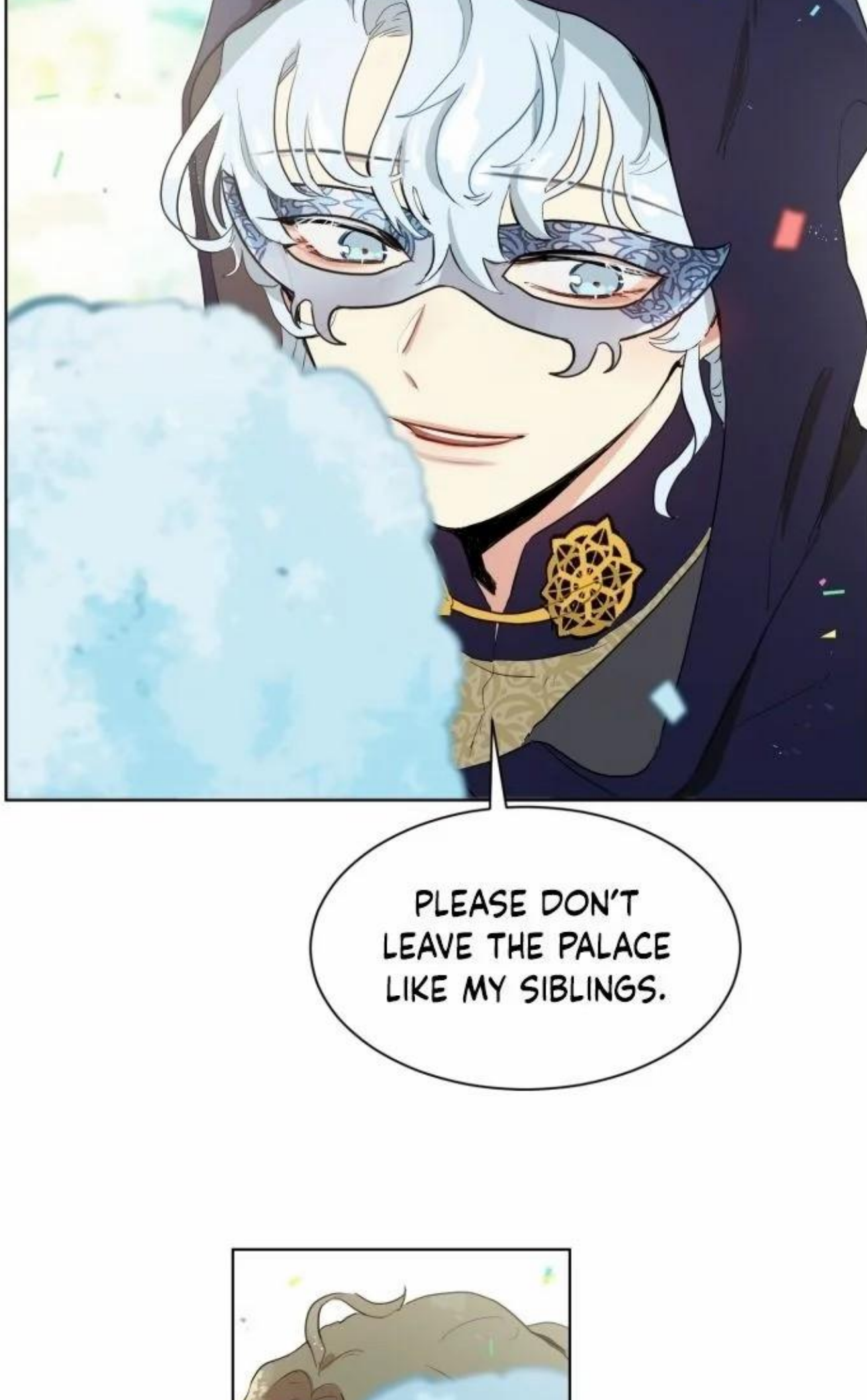
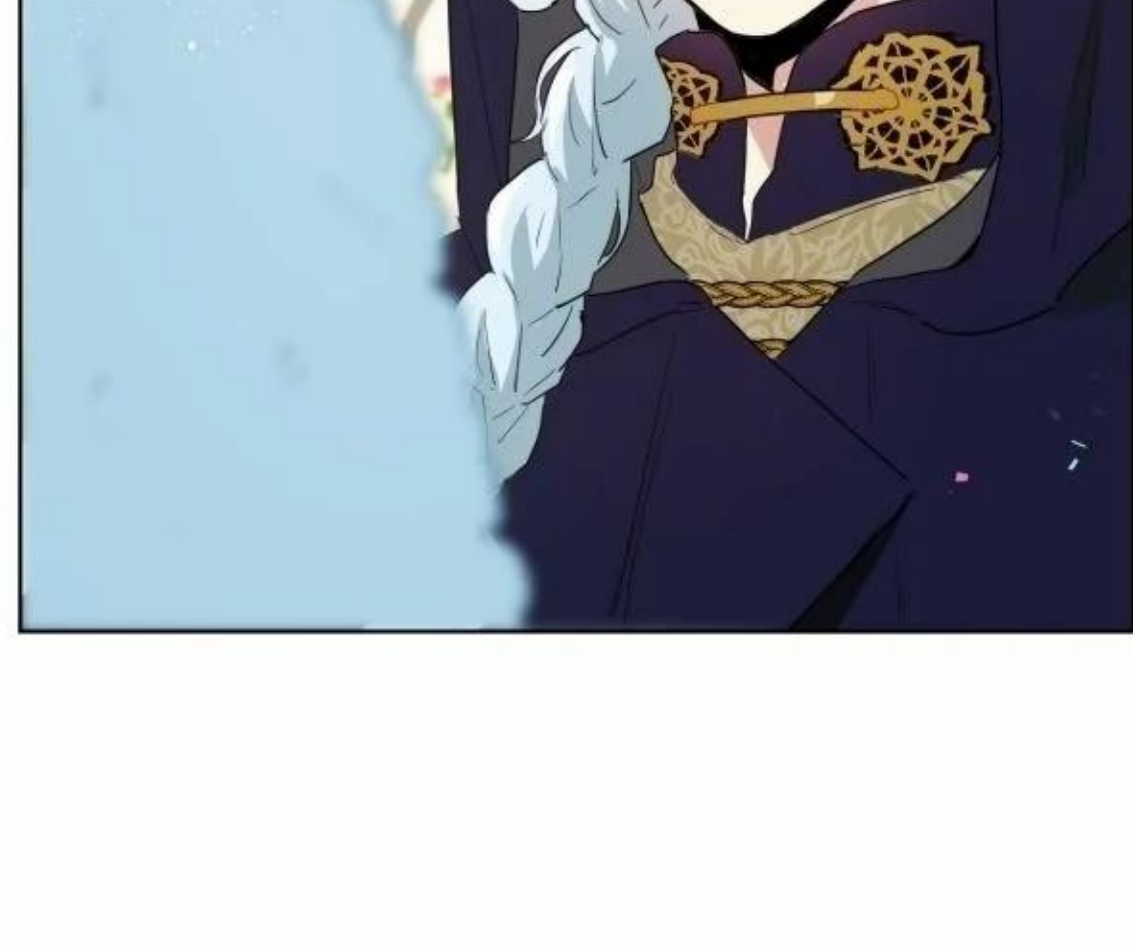
I NEED TO START HEADING BACK...



AH, RIGHT.











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SHE KEEPS LOOKING THE OTHER WAY.



GO TAKE CARE OF YOUR BUSINESS. I'LL SEE YOU AT THE CASTLE, MISS SCHOLAR.



NOD

YOUR HORSE IS READY, YOUR HIGHNESS.

STEP

BOW



WHAT DID HE JUST SAY?

DID I GIVE HIM AN ANSWER?



THAT ASIDE...



IT'S BEEN BOTHERING ME FOR A WHILE NOW,

BUT I HEARD IT CLEARLY.



THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT THE PRINCE IN THE ROSE 2!



COULD IT BE THAT... A FAKE NOVEL CAME OUT?



I HEARD IT MULTIPLE TIMES, SO I'M DEFINITELY NOT MISTAKEN.

WHO IN THE WORLD...?



I SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN PLAYING AROUND LIKE THIS...

LET'S START WITH FINDING THAT PERSON FIRST.







I WONDER IF SIR MANO ALSO HEARD ABOUT IT. IT'S NOT MINE, THOUGH.



WHAT ABOUT THE PRINCE...

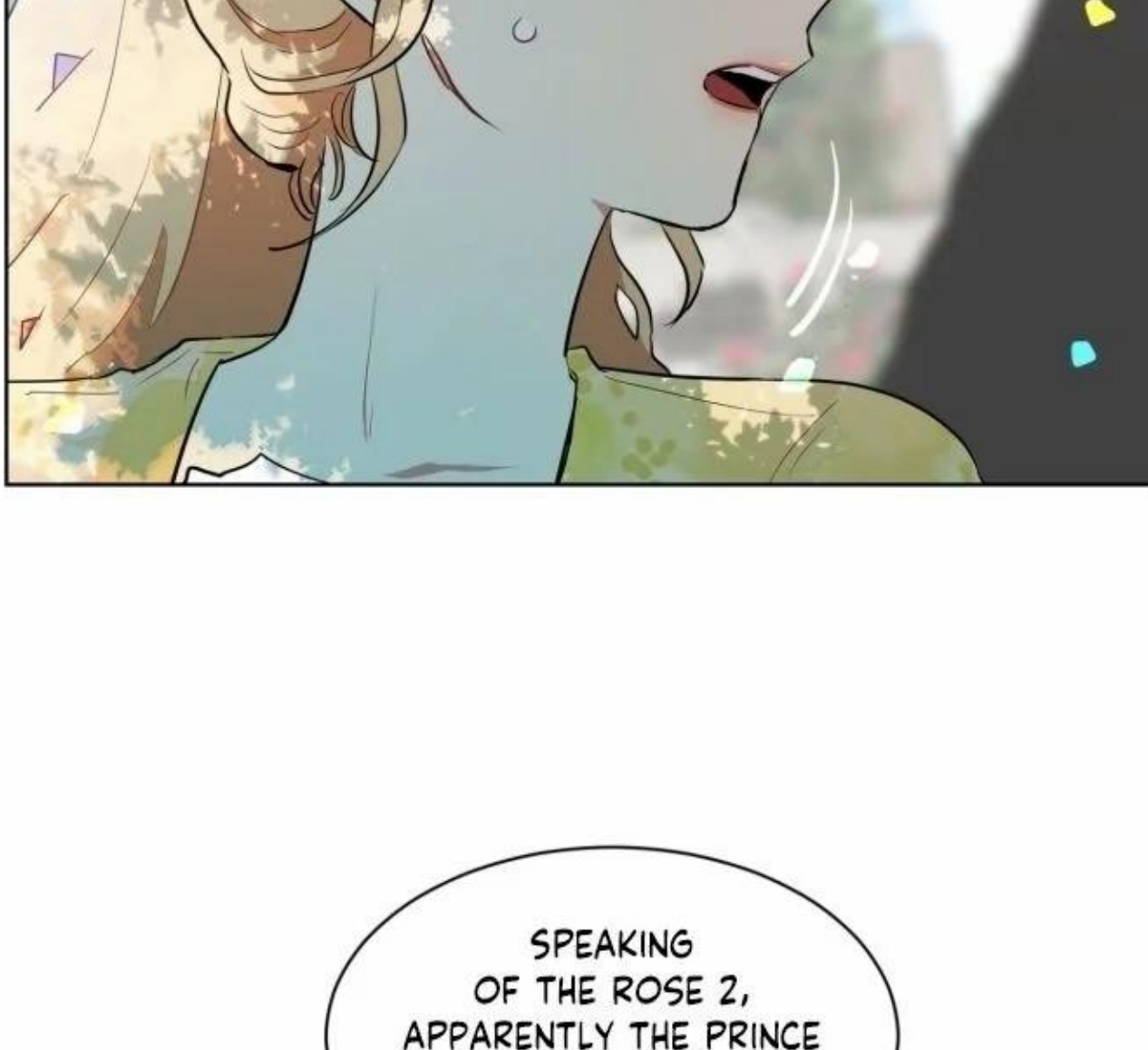
AH, SORRY.



EVEN IF YOU GO NOW, THE ROSE IS SOLD OUT.

HEY,

ROSE...!



SPEAKING OF THE ROSE 2, APPARENTLY THE PRINCE IS PORTRAYED AS A TOTAL SCUM.



AND I HEARD HE TREATED ALL THE OTHER NOBLES AS PUSHOVERS.

MAYBE THE AUTHOR IS GOING WILD SINCE THEY'RE MAKING A LOT OF MONEY.

OR PERHAPS THAT'S HOW THE NOBLES ARE IN REAL LIFE?

THAT'S EVEN WORSE.



HOW DO THEY DARE PUBLISH SUCH SEDITIONARY BOOKS IN THE CENTER OF THE EMPIRE'S CAPITAL? THEY MUST BE OUT OF THEIR MIND.



SHH, THE KNIGHTS WILL HEAR US.

HUH...?

IS THIS STILL



THE SAME LIVELY FESTIVAL STREET...?





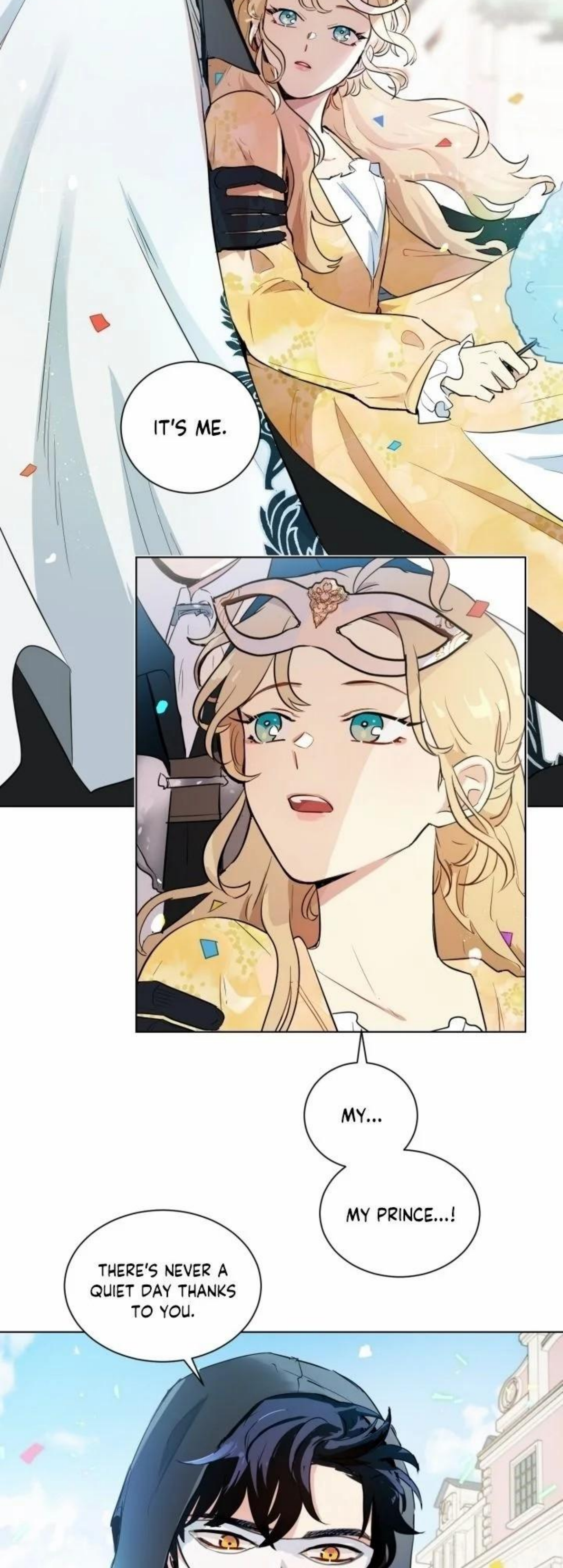
THERE MUST BE  
A LOT OF PROBLEMS  
WITH THE CONTENT OF  
THE FAKE NOVEL.



WHAT IF SOMEONE  
SPEAKS ILL OF THE  
PRINCE AGAI...



AUTHOR, QUIET.



IT'S ME.

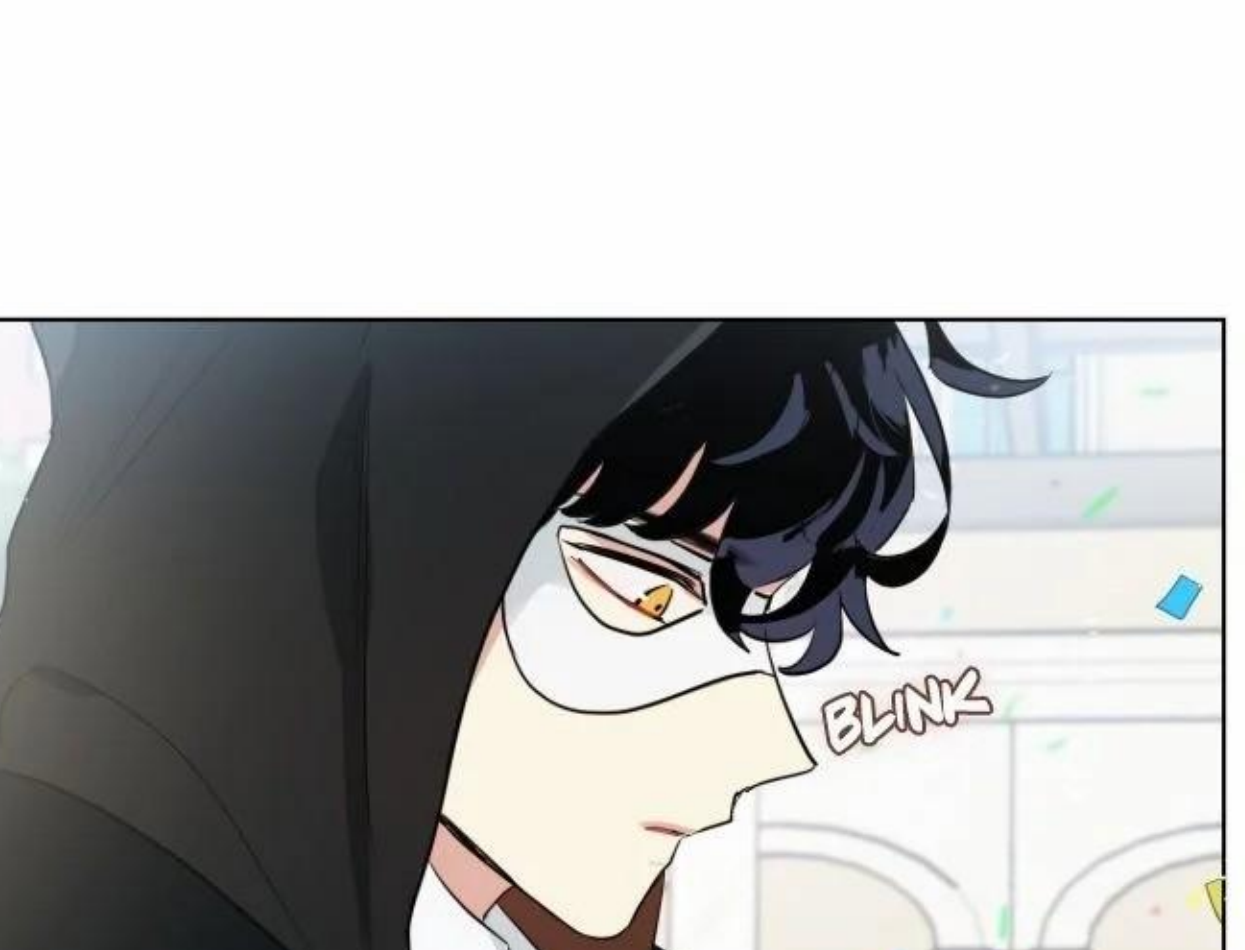
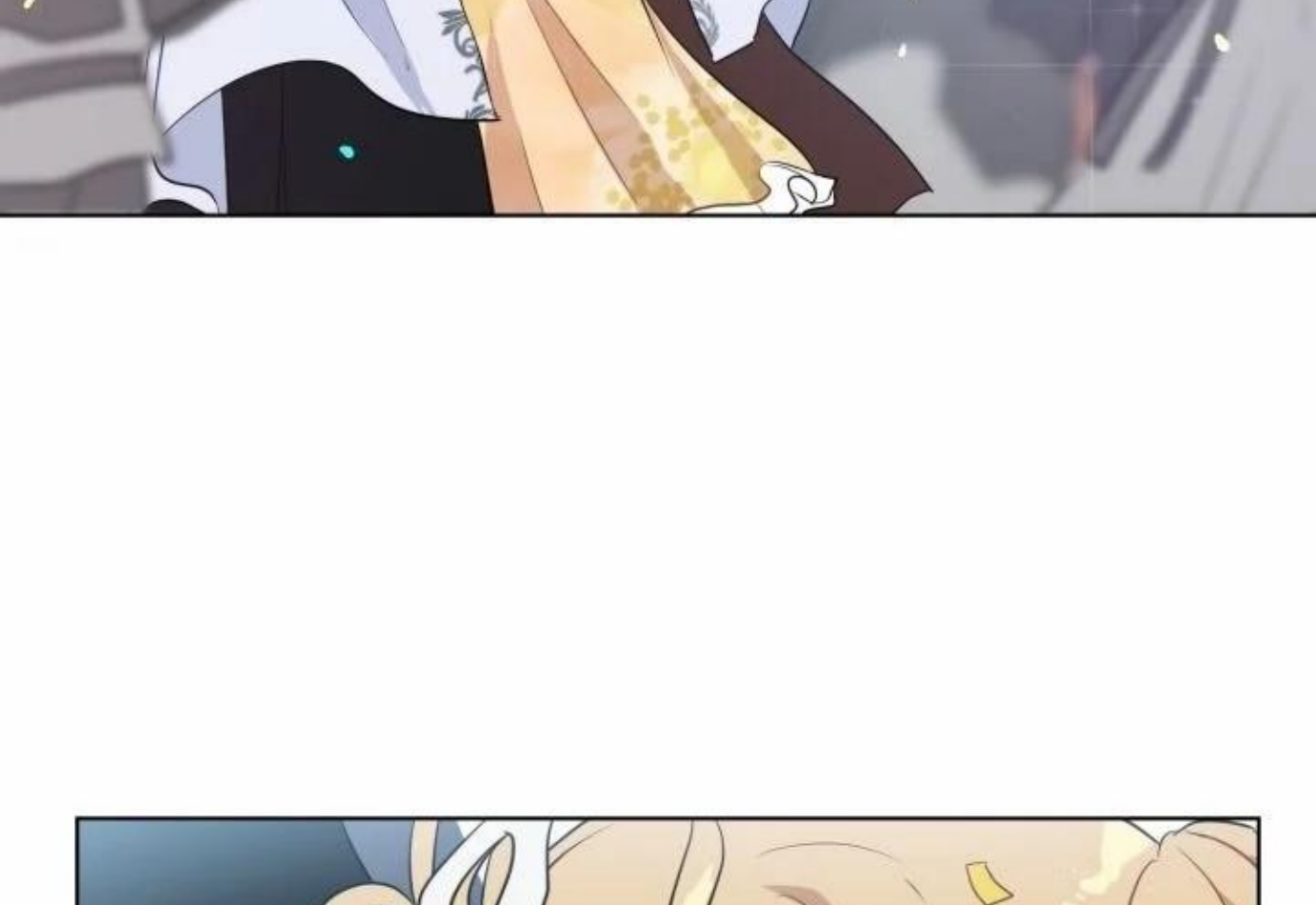


MY...  
MY PRINCE...!

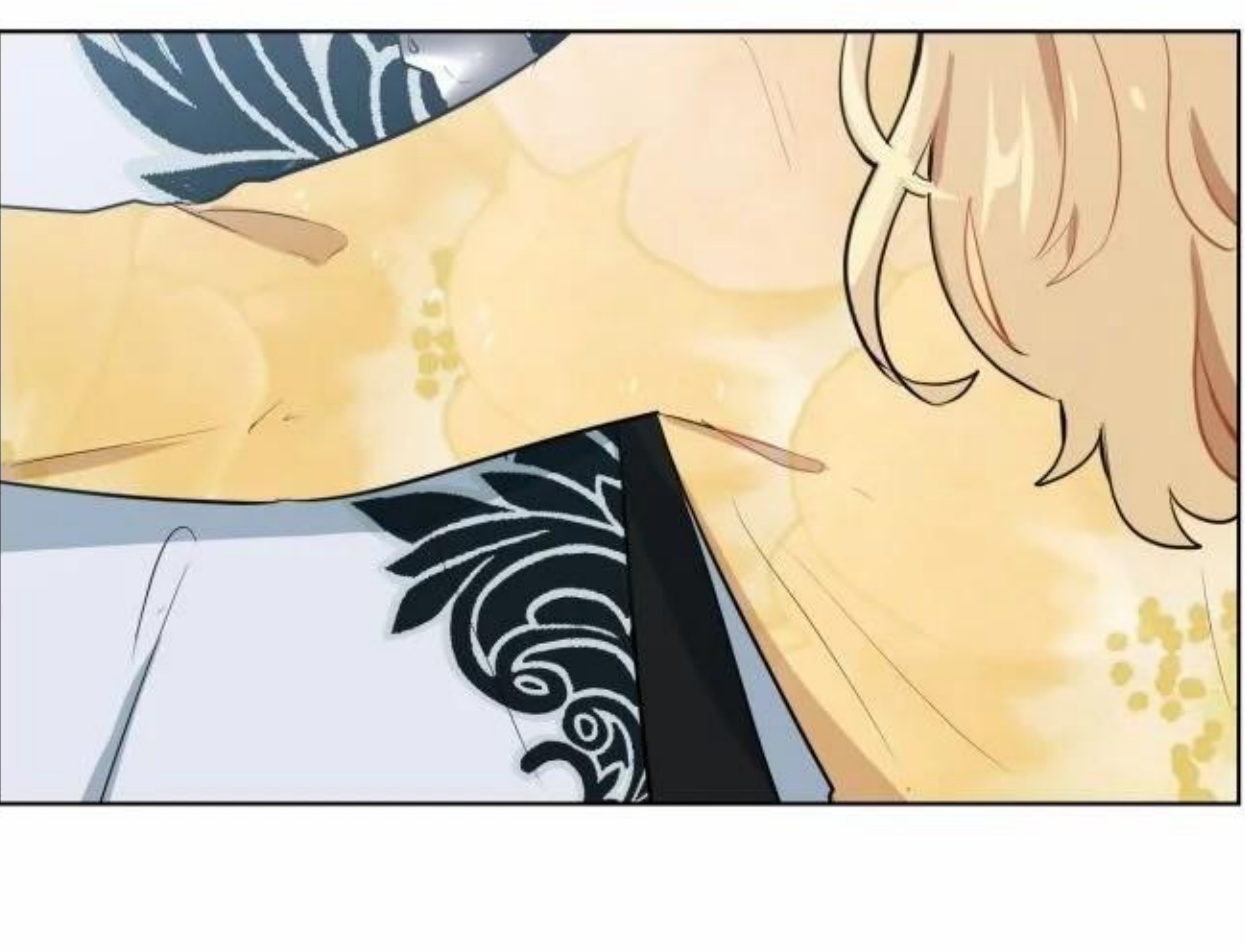
THERE'S NEVER A  
QUIET DAY THANKS  
TO YOU.



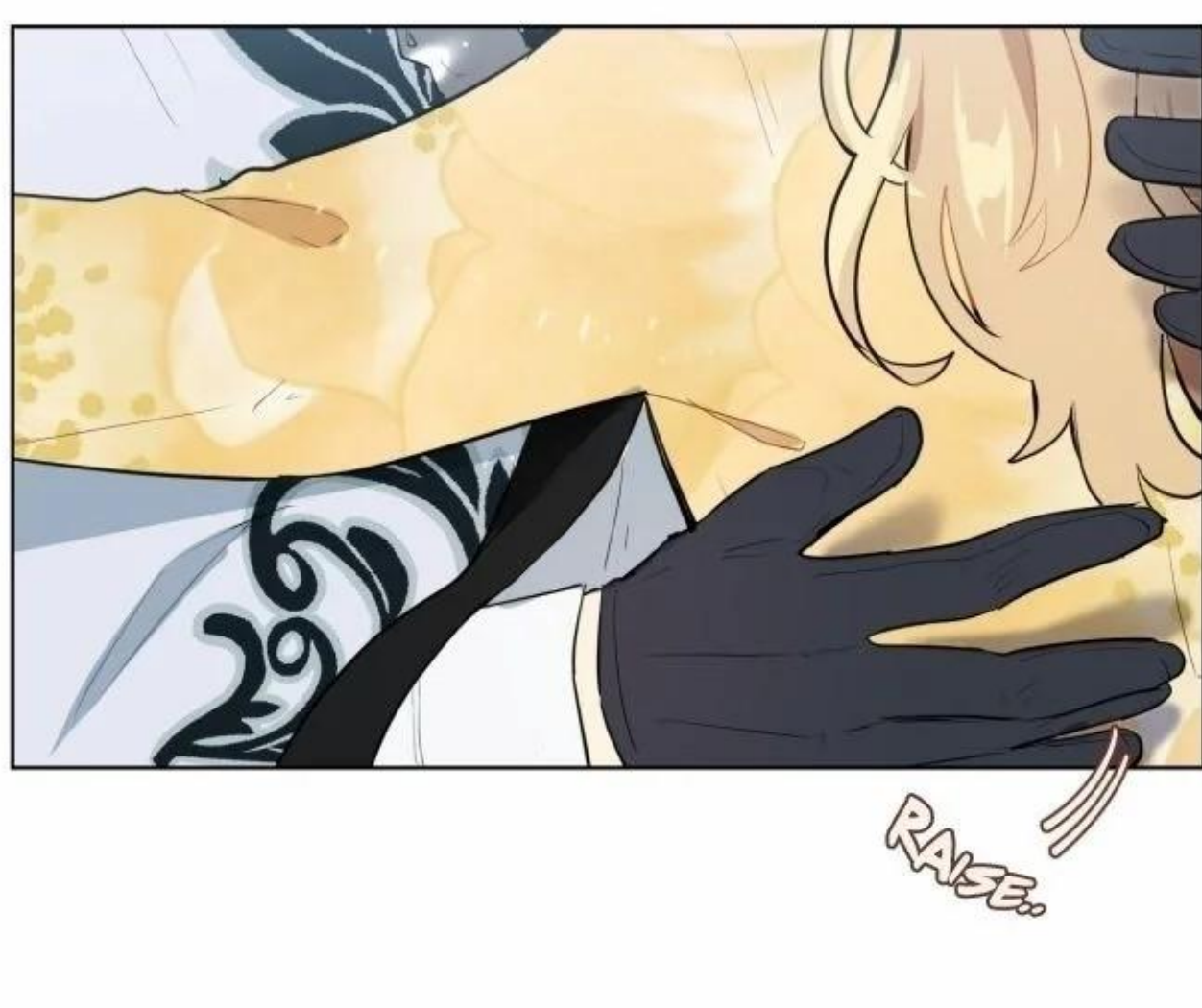
WHAT IN  
THE WORLD  
IS GOING...



.....







RAEE..

OPEN

I-I'M SORRY!

WAIT, BUT WHY ARE YOU HERE?  
OH GOODNESS, YOU LOOK SO CUTE  
EVEN WITH A MASK ON!!

... QUIET,  
QUIET.

THWACK

STOP

AH, NEVER MIND  
THAT. THERE'S AN  
URGENT ISSUE.

FIRST, LET'S GO  
SOMEPLACE WITHOUT  
PEOPLE!

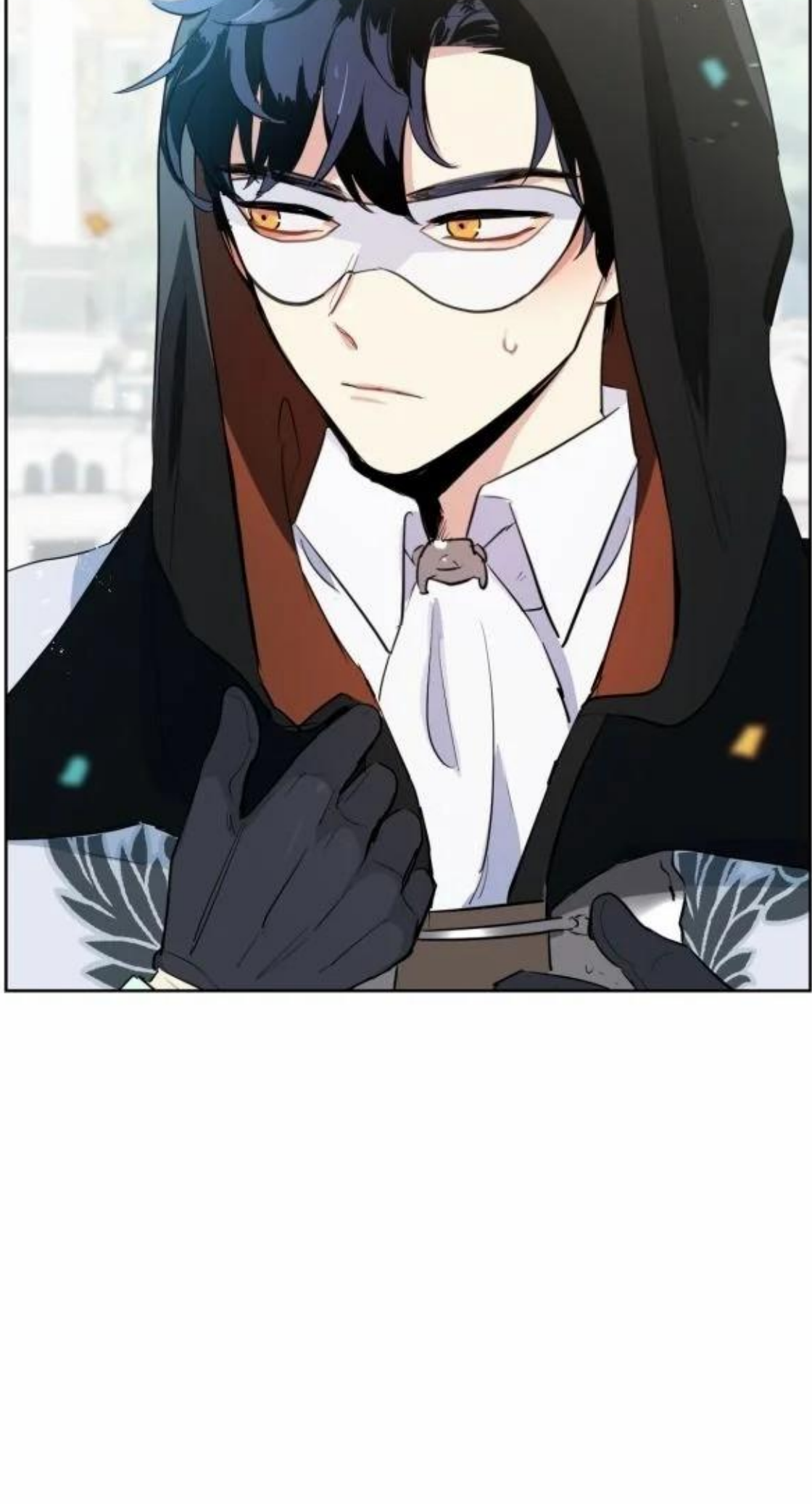
HAAH...

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SO CHAOTIC.

AWKWARD..



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OH~ SO YOU HAD SOMETHING TO DO NEARBY.

AND HERE I WAS THINKING THAT YOU CAME BECAUSE YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT ME.

NO WONDER YOU LOOKED PARTICULARLY TIRED TODAY.

THE TOWN IS SO NOISY.

LOOKING AROUND THE STREETS, IT LOOKED LIKE YOUR NOVEL...

THE FIRST PERSON I STANNED... MY NO. ONE FAN...

THE EMBARRASSING MEMORY THEY WERE REMINDED OF WHEN THEY LOOKED AT EACH OTHER

... THAT NOVEL,

WROTE ME OFF AS A COMPLETE MESS.

THANKS TO THAT, THE FAMILY'S REPUTATION MIGHT HIT ROCK BOTTOM SOON. IT'LL BE QUITE THE UPROAR WHEN HOYA FINDS OUT.

HUH?

ALSO, BECAUSE IT WAS AN UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION...

WAIT, DO YOU THINK THAT I WROTE THAT NOVEL AS WELL?

WHY WOULD I WRITE ANYTHING THAT'D SULLY YOUR REPUTATION? IT'S UPSETTING TO HEAR THAT FROM YOU...

EVEN WITHOUT READING IT, I KNOW THAT YOU WOULDN'T WRITE ANYTHING THAT WOULD DEFAME ME.

YOU WERE PROBABLY THE ONE WHO PANICKED THE MOST.

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

SO YOU KNEW...! THAT'S A RELIEF.

I WAS WORRIED THAT YOU'D MIS-UNDERSTAND.

IT'S TRUE THAT I WAS SHOCKED, BUT SEEING YOU HAS HELPED ME CALM DOWN.

FERDERIC?

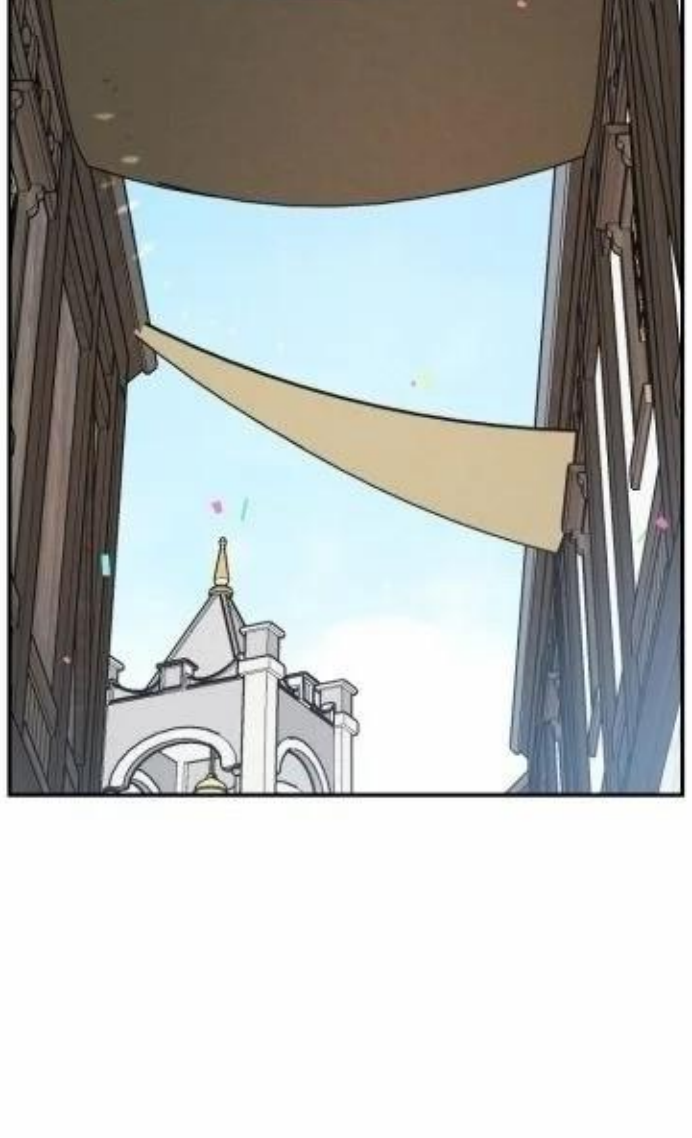
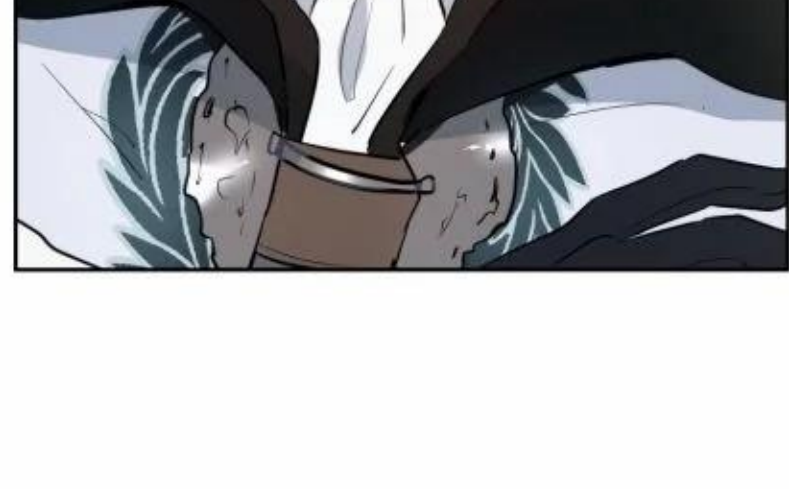
SUDDEN

HUH?? THIS?? NO? I MEAN, THEY DO KINDA LOOK SIMILAR...





BECAUSE HE'S... FROM THE SCHWAN-DELL FAMILY?



BECAUSE HE'S THE CROWN PRINCE.

ANYWAY, LET'S CONTINUE THIS CONVERSATION LATER.

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?!

TH-

UD!

ARGHH!

BLEN?!

LONG TIME NO SEE!

UHH...

AS EXPECTED, YOU'RE HERE, YOUR GRACE. I KNEW YOU MUST HAVE COME TO THE CITY WHEN I SAW THE PAPARAZZI.



APOLOGIES FOR BEING LATE. HE WAS SO QUICK THAT IT TOOK ME A WHILE.

MISS ANGELA, I'M SORRY FOR LEAVING MY POST. IT BOTHERED ME THAT I LOST HIM LAST TIME...

HOW YA DOIN', BOSS? LOL

NOISY

NOISY









ACTUALLY,  
I WAS THANKFUL  
THAT YOU USED  
MY DRAWI...

...NOT!!!  
THOSE DRAWINGS  
WERE USED WITHOUT  
MY PERMISSION!



WAIT, WHAT?  
ARE WE ACTUALLY FANS  
OF ONE ANOTHER?

NO!! AND WHY DID  
YOU ADD A KISS SCENE  
WHEN IT WAS COMPLETELY  
UNNECESSARY?!



I'M SORRY...  
MY PRINCE, SIR MANO!  
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT YOUR  
PERSONAL KNIGHT  
WAS MALE!

LET'S  
DISPOSE  
OF HIM.

I...

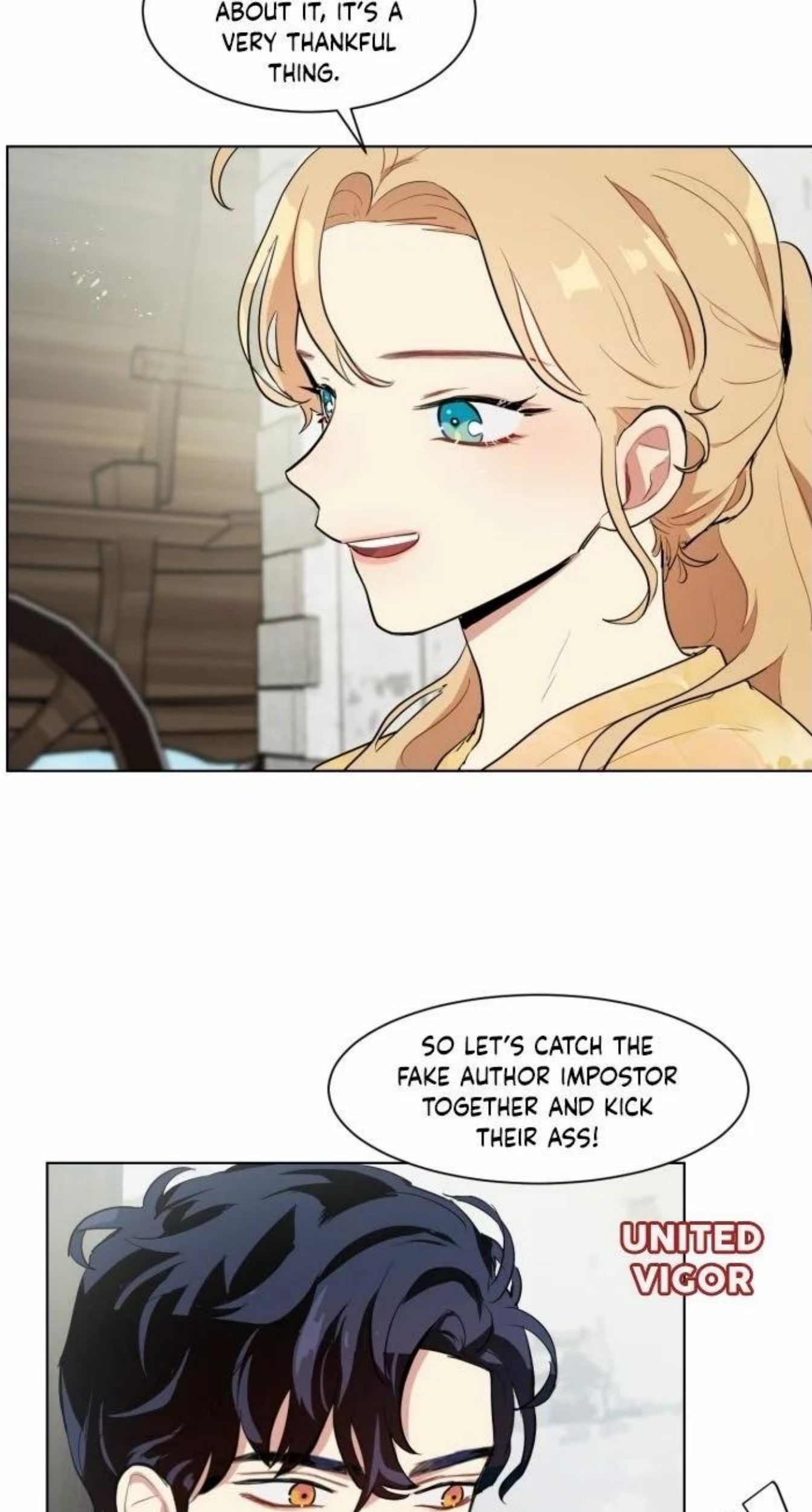
EITHER WAY,  
THANK YOU FOR LIKING  
MY WORK.



AT FIRST, IT  
WAS EMBARRASSING  
FOR PEOPLE TO LIKE  
MY WRITING...



BUT NOW  
THAT I THINK  
ABOUT IT, IT'S A  
VERY THANKFUL  
THING.



SO LET'S CATCH THE  
FAKE AUTHOR IMPOSTOR  
TOGETHER AND KICK  
THEIR ASS!

UNITED  
VIGOR

YEAH, ANTENNA!  
LET'S STRIP THEM  
CLEAN TOO!

I KNOW A  
PLACE THAT HANDLES  
SECRET DEALINGS IN THE  
CITY CENTER. LET'S  
START THERE!

MANO, LEAVE THIS  
TO ME. YOU TAKE CARE  
OF THE NOVELS THAT HAVE  
SPREAD THROUGHOUT  
TOWN.

AND LET  
HOYA KNOW.



UNDERSTOOD,  
SIR.

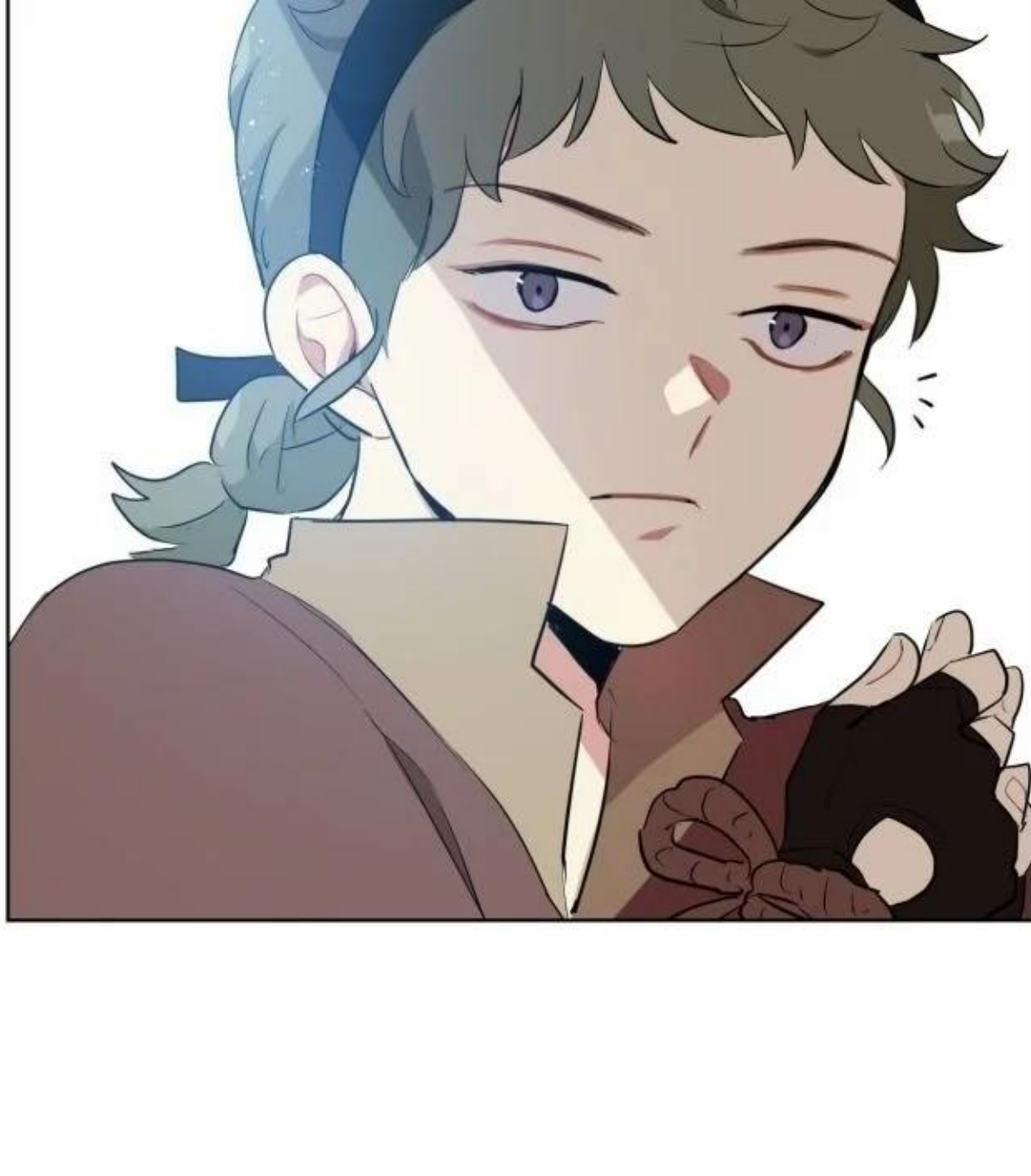
AGH, FINALLY.  
THAT TIRESOME KNIGHT  
IS LEAVING. IMMA YEET  
OUT AS SOON AS  
I'M FREE.



SINCE THIS IS MY  
SECOND TIME GETTING  
CAUGHT AS A PAPARAZZI,  
IF I'M NOT CAREFUL,  
MY WRIST...







MY GOD!

MY PRINCE,  
YOU ALMOST CUT OFF  
HIS GOLDEN HANDS!



YOU SEEM  
TO HAVE SOME  
KNOWLEDGE OF THE  
FAKE NOVEL. LEAD  
THE WAY.

WE MIGHT NEED  
YOUR HELP.



OH, ARE YOU  
COMING TOO? EVEN  
THOUGH YOU'RE  
SO BUSY...



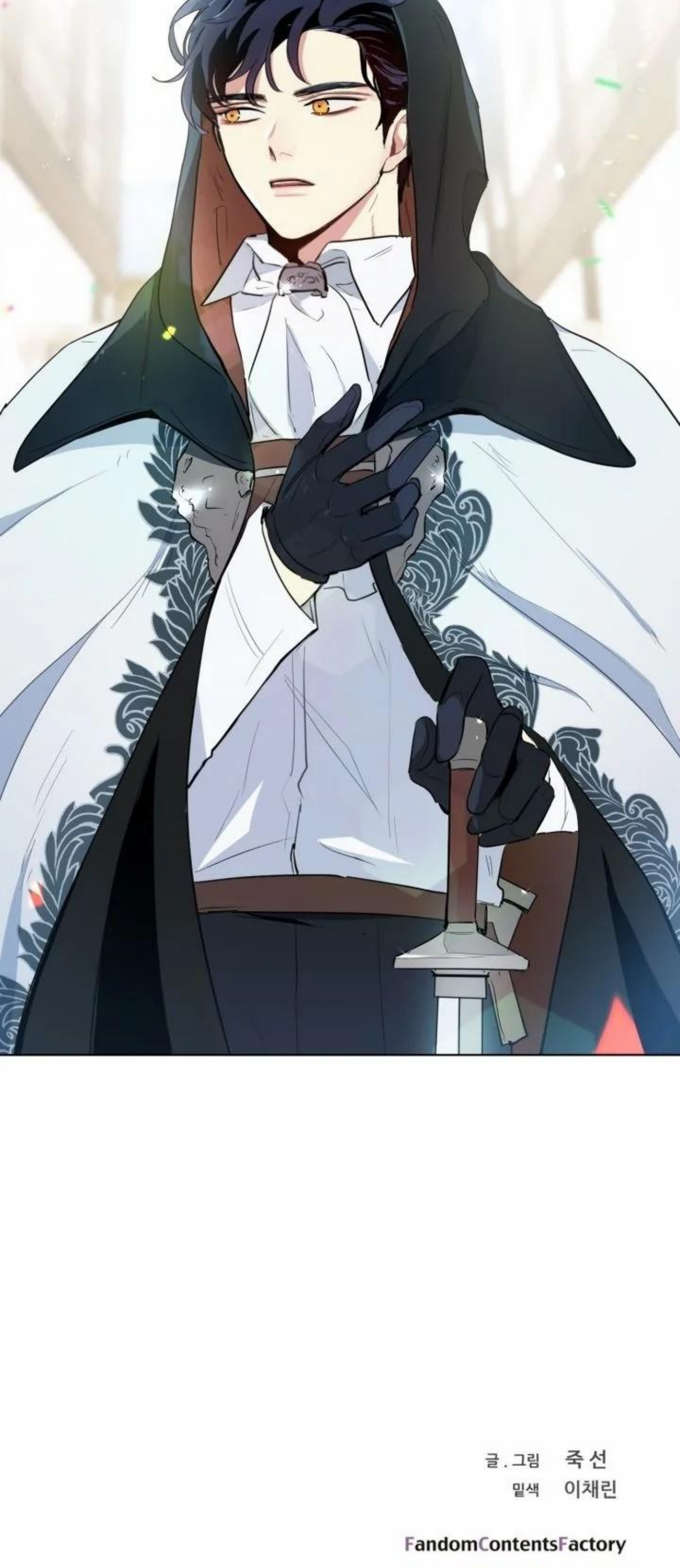
MY HELP...?

YOU'RE THE ONLY  
ONE ALLOWED TO  
WRITE ABOUT ME.

ANYONE ELSE  
SPOUTING NONSENSE  
NEEDS TO BE NIPPED  
IN THE BUD.

!

WE'LL CATCH  
THEM BEFORE THE  
MORNING BELL  
RINGS.



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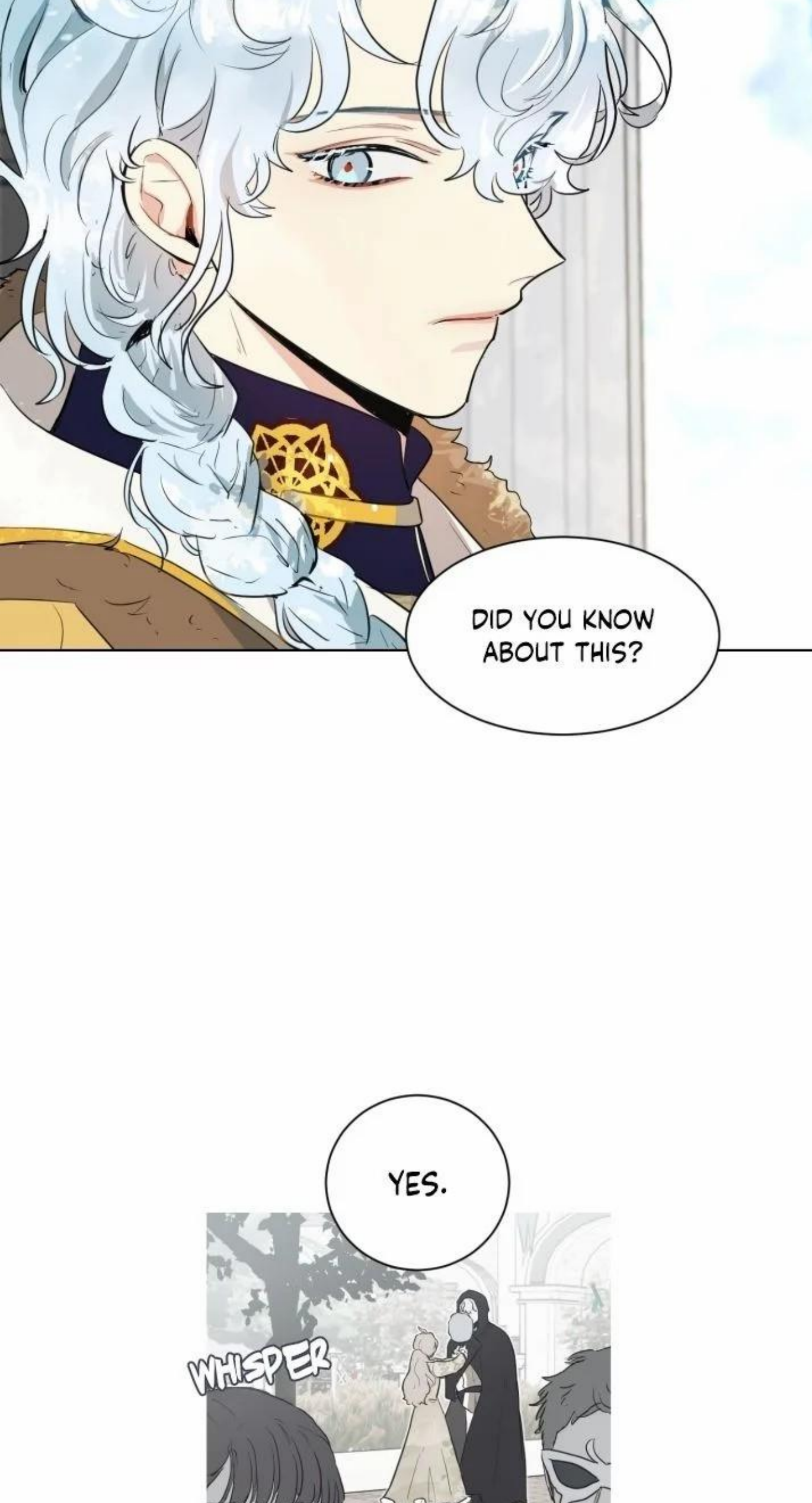
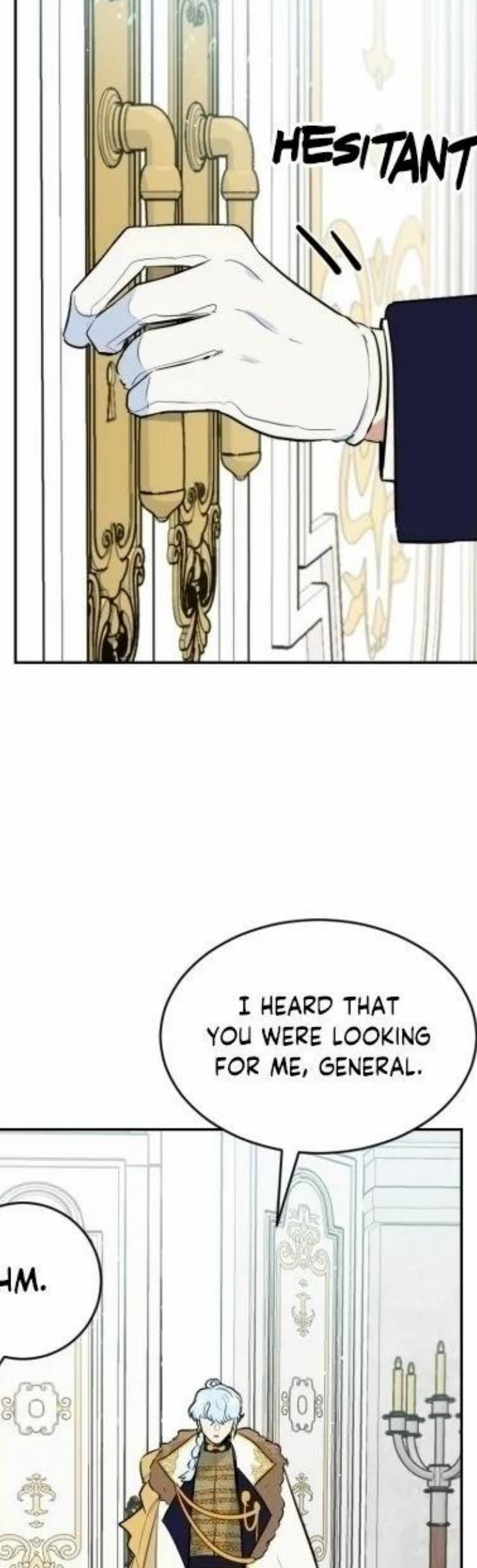




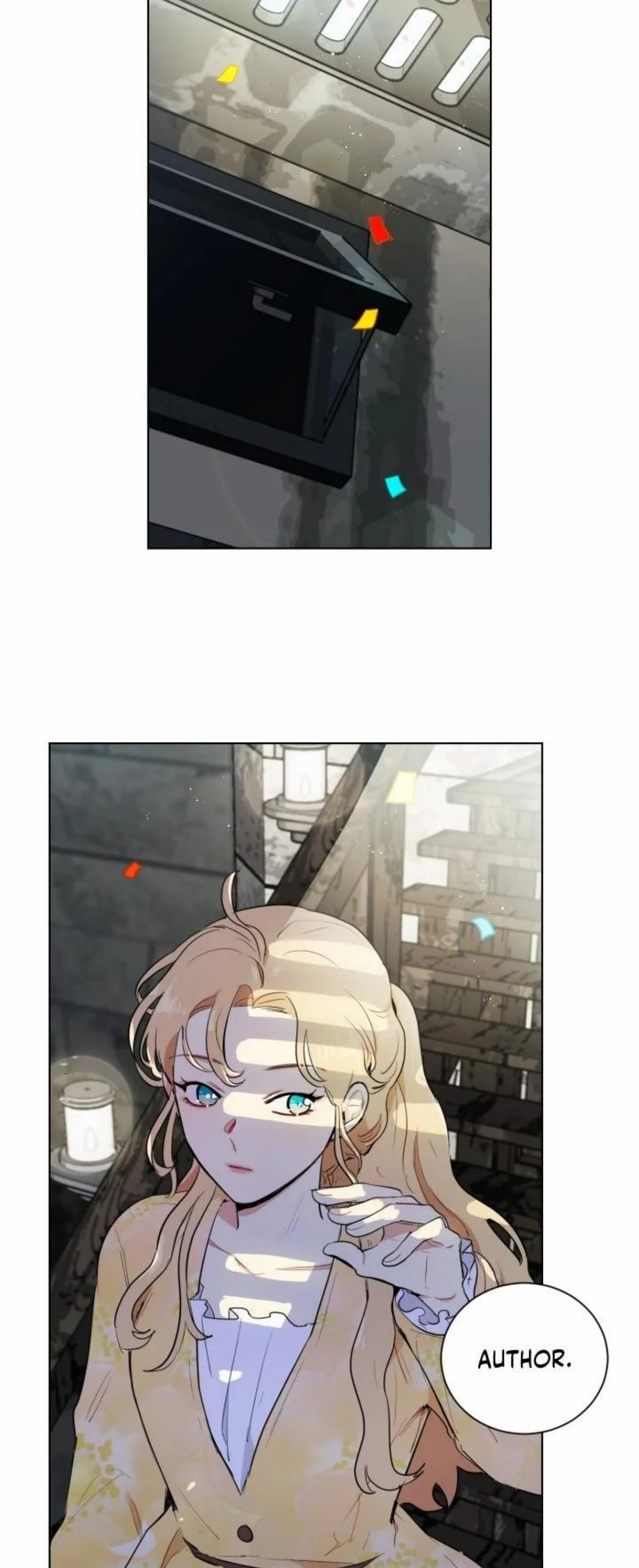
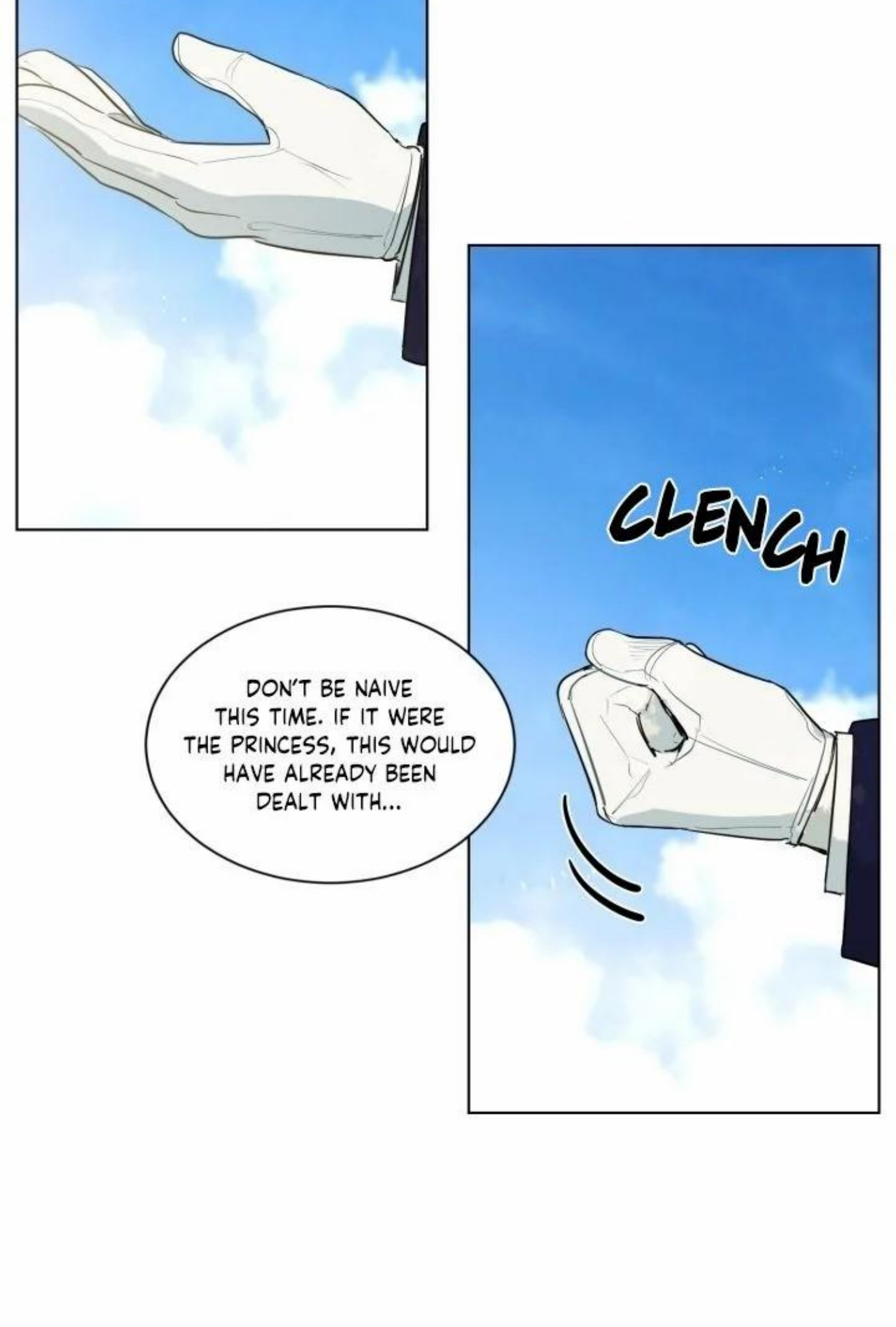
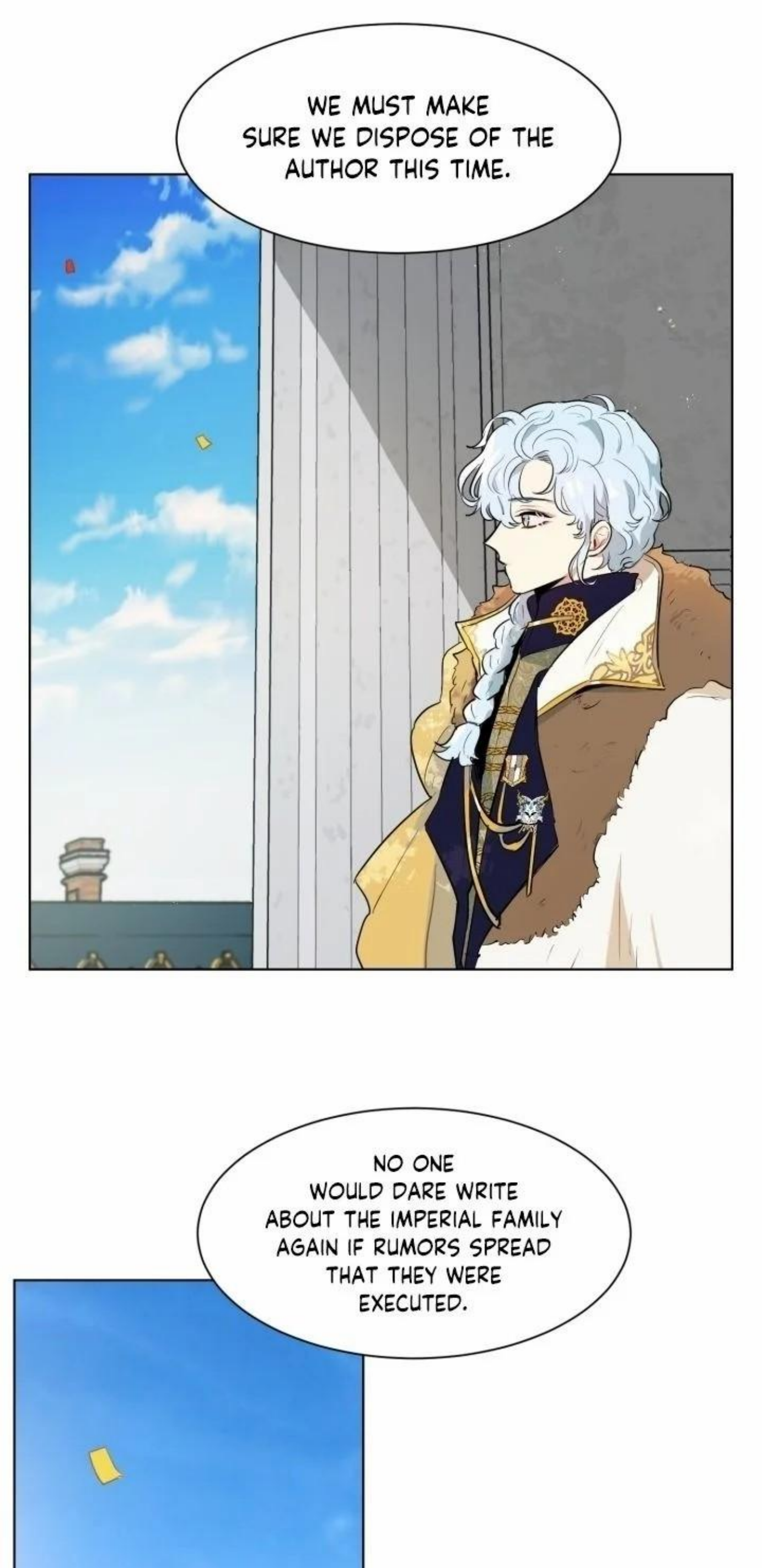
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SO HE GAVE YOU PERMISSION TO CALL HIM BY HIS NAME?

LEAN

AH, THE CROWN PRINCE?

I WOULDN'T SAY HE 'GAVE ME PERMISSION.' HE MUST NOT HAVE WANTED TO BE CALLED BY HIS TITLE SINCE WE WERE OUTSIDE.

FERDERIC, WHAT...

(HERE)

ANYWAYS, BLEN. ARE YOU SURE THERE'S A HINT AT A PLACE LIKE THIS?



USUALLY, SECRET DEALINGS ARE DONE IN THE UNDERGROUND DISTRICT.

BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO BE WARY OF THE IMPERIAL FAMILY IN THE CITY CENTER.

MY DRAWINGS HAVE BEEN SELLING QUITE WELL HERE!

UNASHAMED

WAIT, THEN AREN'T THESE ILLEGAL DEALINGS?

IS HE ALLOWED TO SAY THAT IN FRONT OF YOU, MY PRINCE?

(ALREADY SPEECHLESS.)

THE UNDERGROUND DISTRICT IS FASCINATING. I'VE HEARD OF IT BEFORE, BUT IT'S BIGGER THAN I IMAGINED.

I HEARD THAT IN THE PAST, THIS IS WHERE THEY WOULD KEEP PRISONERS OF WAR.

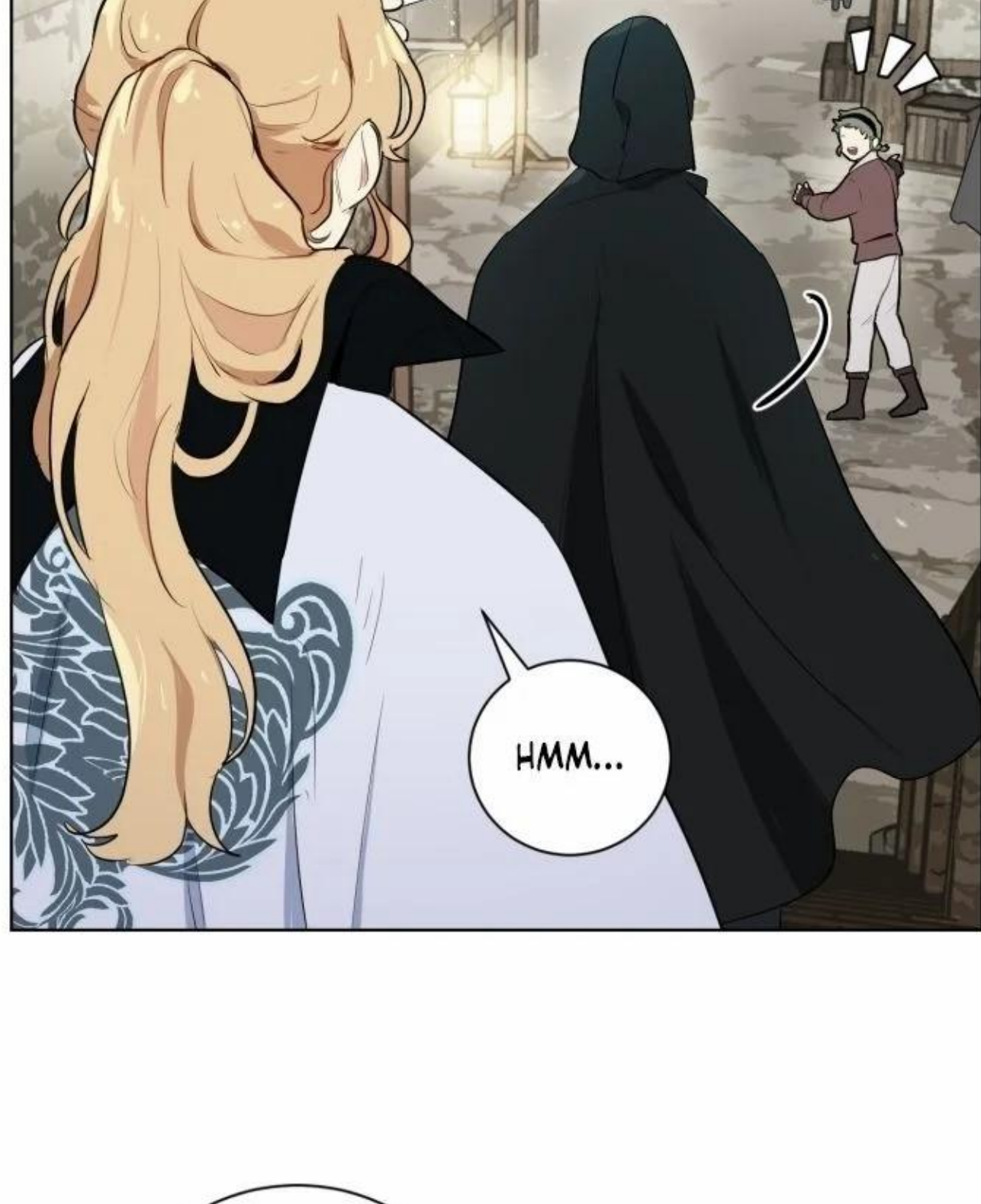
SOMETHING IS...

WAIT.

RUSTLE

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...WELL, I MET THE PRINCE THANKS TO THAT, SO MAYBE I'M A BIT THANKFUL.

EHEHE

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!

WE'VE KEPT YOU WAITING FOR LONG!

OH, THEY MUST BE STARTING.



WHAT KINDS OF FORBIDDEN THINGS ARE THEY SELLING TO NEED TO COME TO A PLACE LIKE THIS...



SWALLOW



HERE'S THE FIRST ITEM!

A PRINCE OPFAR MUSIC BOX MADE BY THE MASTER CRAFTSMAN ODDBELLE! IT'S EVEN MADE OF PURE GOLD!



?

100!

200!



WHAT'S WITH HIM?

PRINCE MERCH THAT CAN'T BE FOUND IN THE STREETS OF THE CAPITAL!



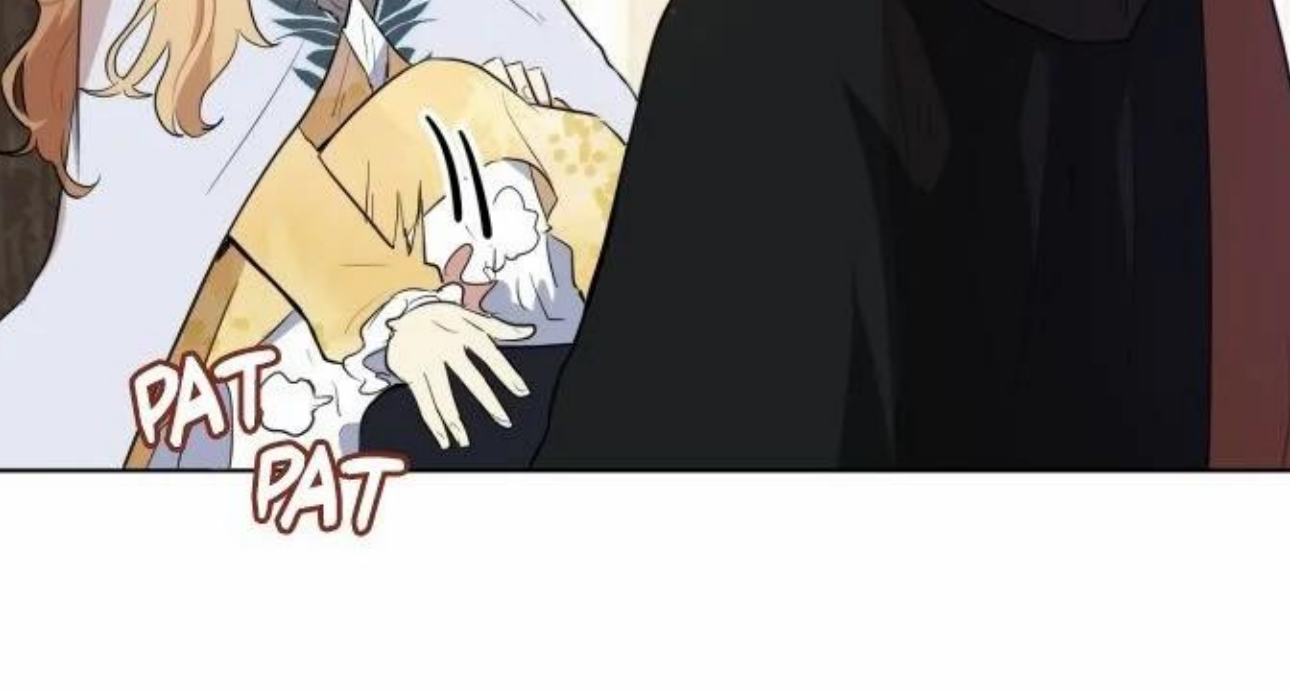
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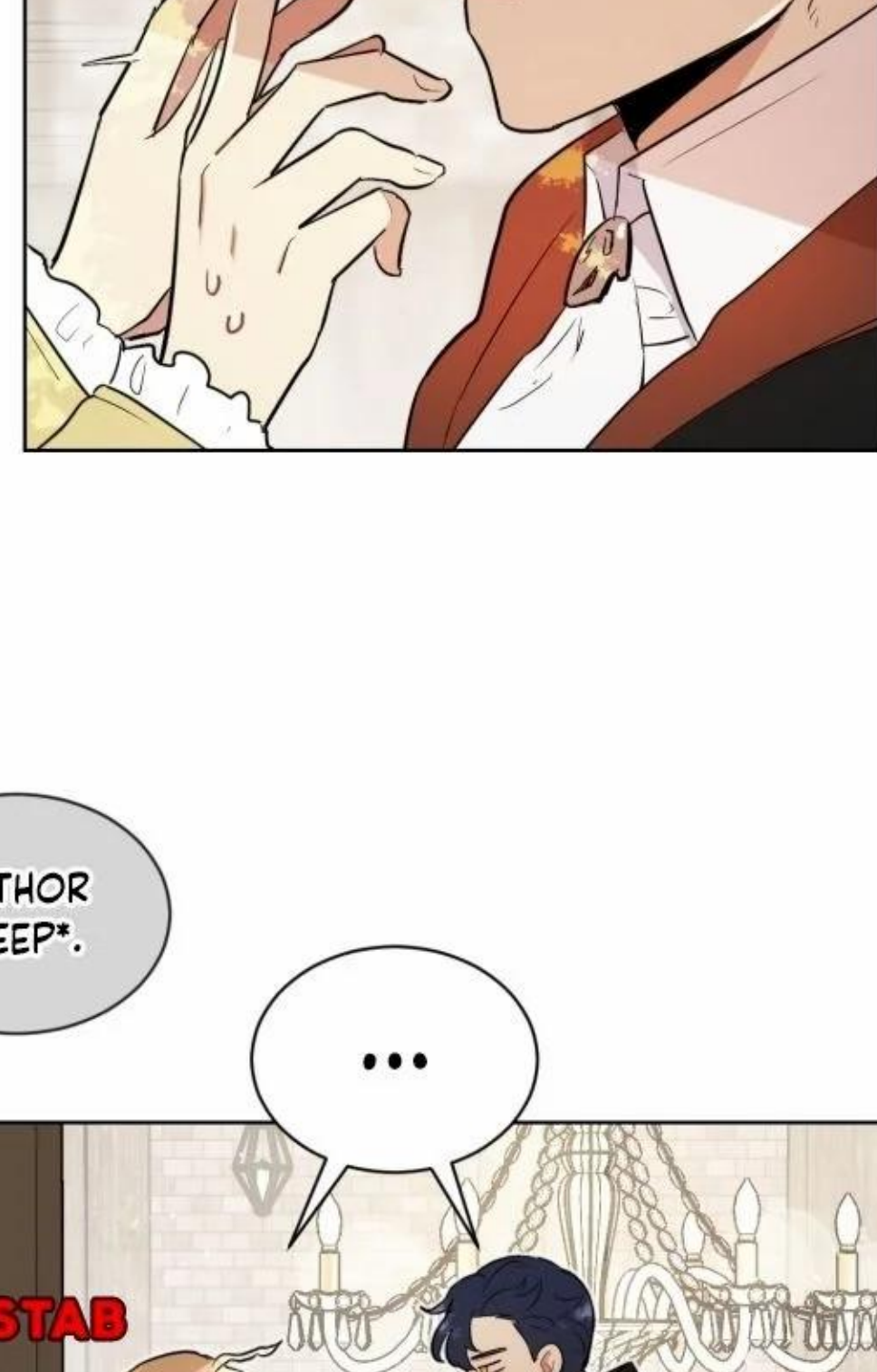
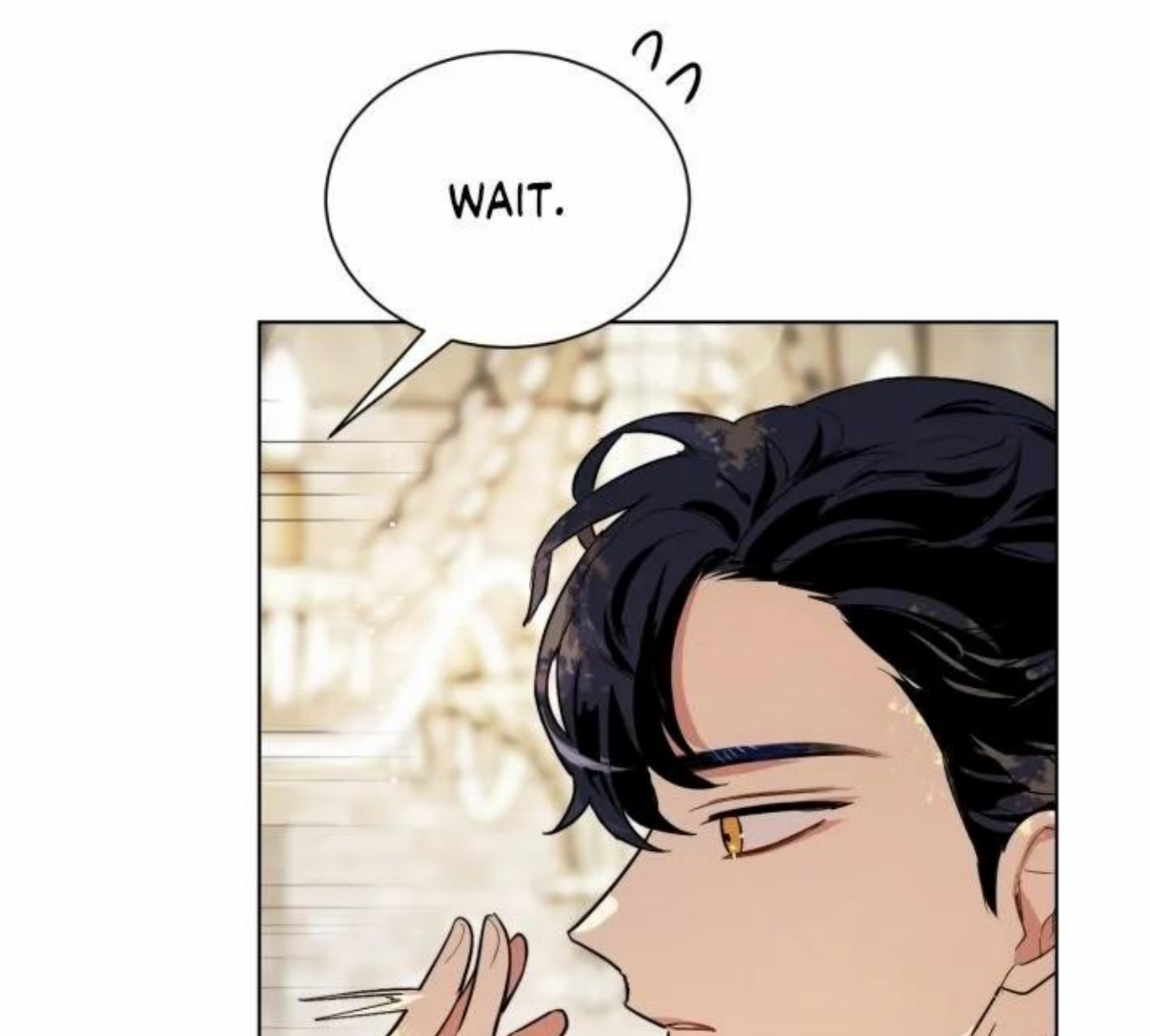
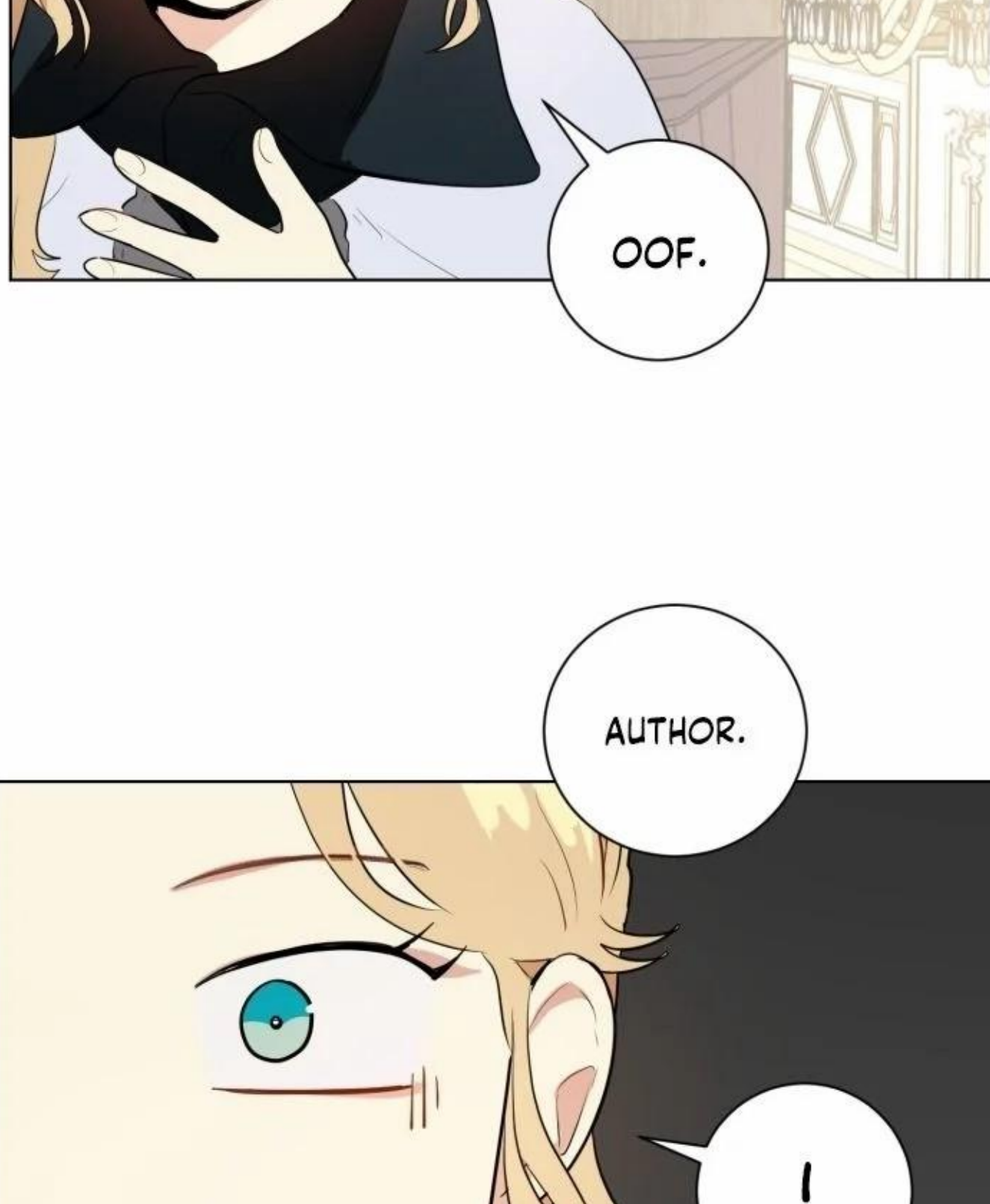
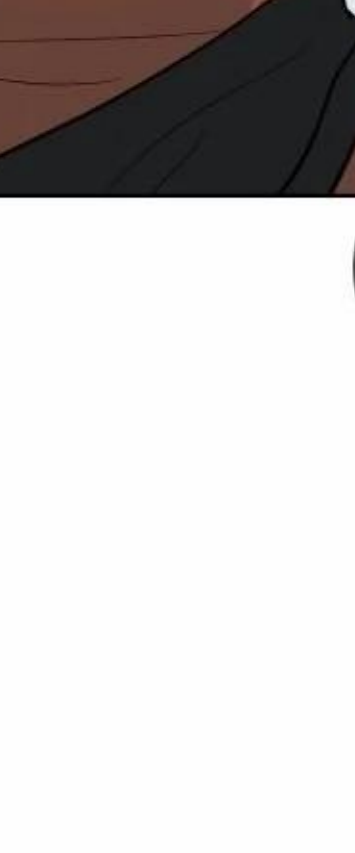
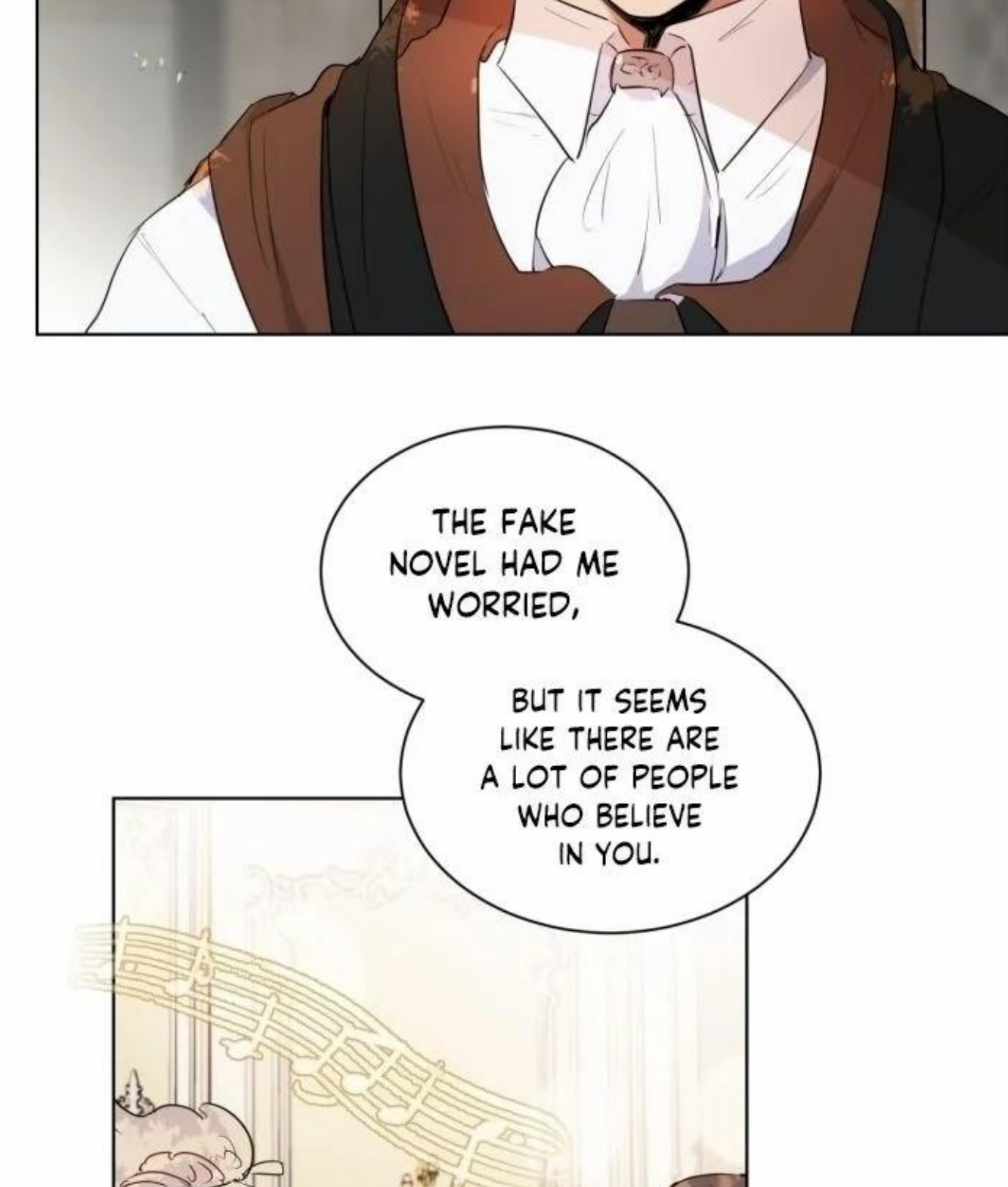
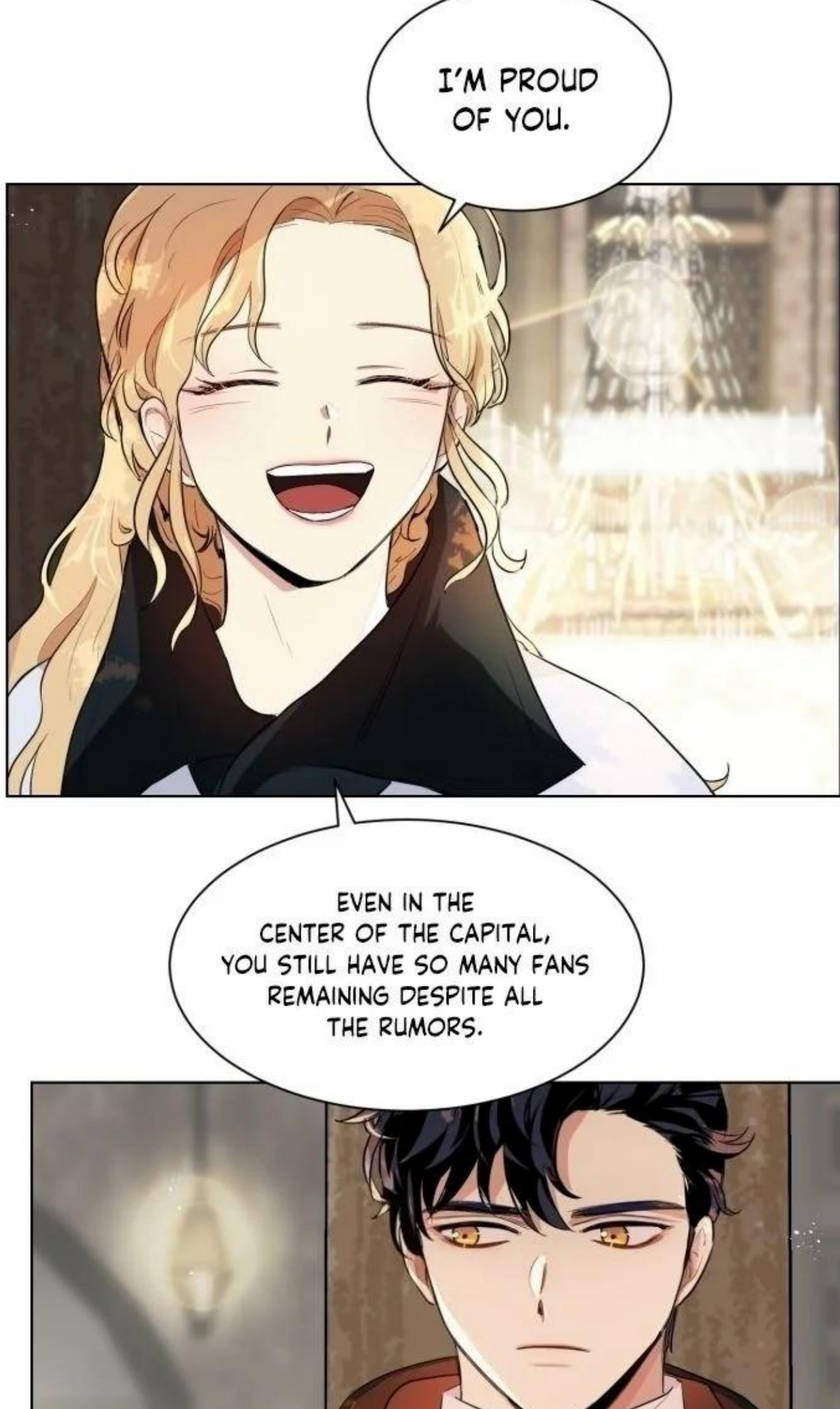
PFFT.

AHAHA!

HOW RIDICULOUS. YOU FIND THIS FUNNY?









I KNOW,  
BUT... THERE'S NO  
NEED TO BE SO PROPER,  
EVEN 'SCHOLAR' WOULD  
BE BETTER...

YOU WANT TO BE  
CALLED A SCHOLAR EVEN  
OUTSIDE OF THE CASTLE?  
HOW SHAMELESS.

HAHA.

...ANGELA.

...THIS WILL  
DO WHILE WE'RE  
OUTSIDE.

ANGELA.

I...

WHAT'S THIS?  
IT'S ONLY A NAME,  
BUT...

A- ALRIGHT.  
IF THAT'S GOOD  
WITH YOU, MY  
PRINCE!

NO.

YOU AS WELL.

CALL ME BY  
MY NAME.

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RA...

RAY...



(GLENCHED TEETH)

RUBUN...

?

SLUMP

WAHHH

IT'S TOO HARD! AM I THE ONLY ONE HAVING TROUBLE WITH THIS?!

WHAT'S WRONG?



???

DUKE RAYBURN BLAH BLAH~

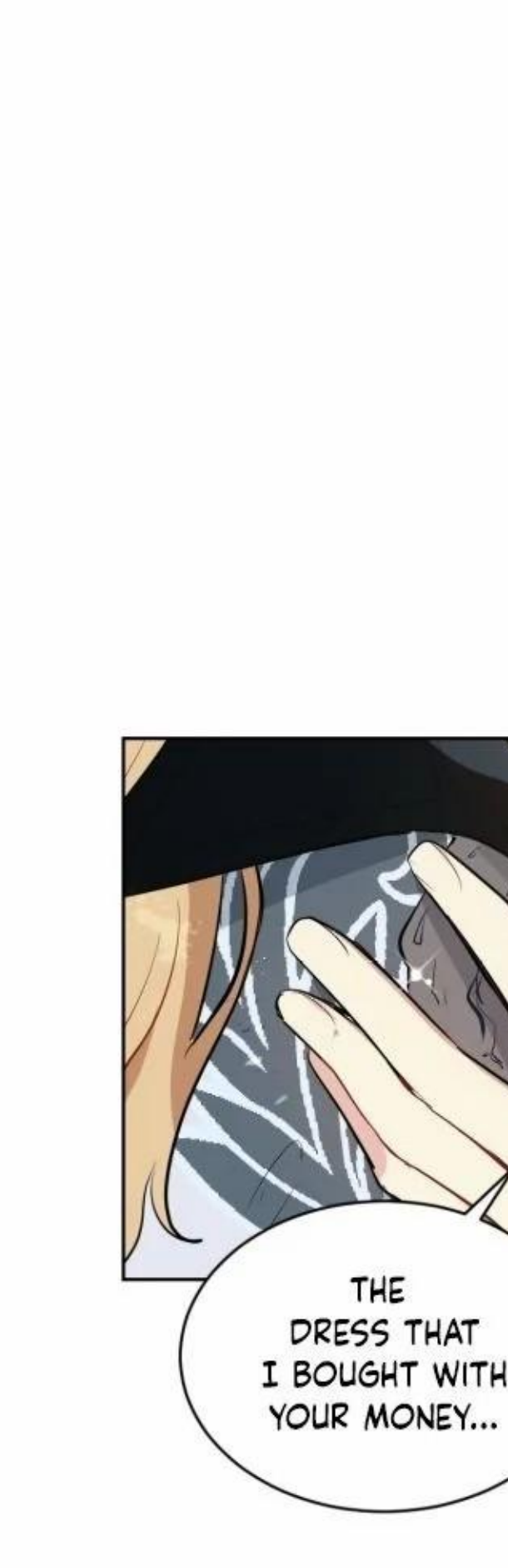
DUKE RAYBURN~

THERE'S NO NEED TO FEEL ANY PRESSURE. YOU CALLED ME THAT EASILY IN THE PAST.



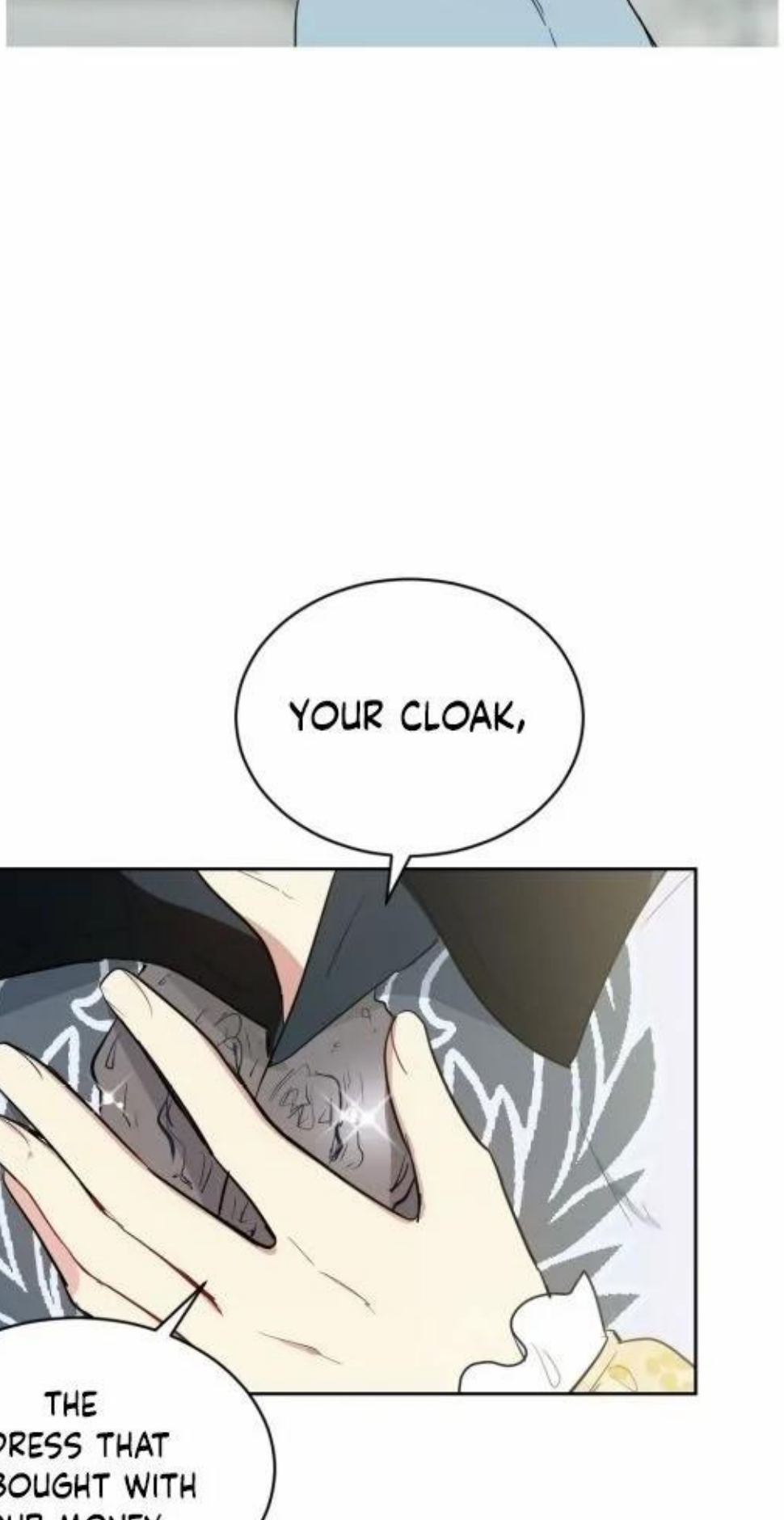
WELL, BACK THEN,

I WAS IGNORANT.



SO IGNORANT, THAT I ONLY REALIZED HOW MUCH I LIKED YOU

AFTER I RAN AWAY FROM THE SLAVE DEALERS.



YOUR CLOAK,

THE DRESS THAT I BOUGHT WITH YOUR MONEY...

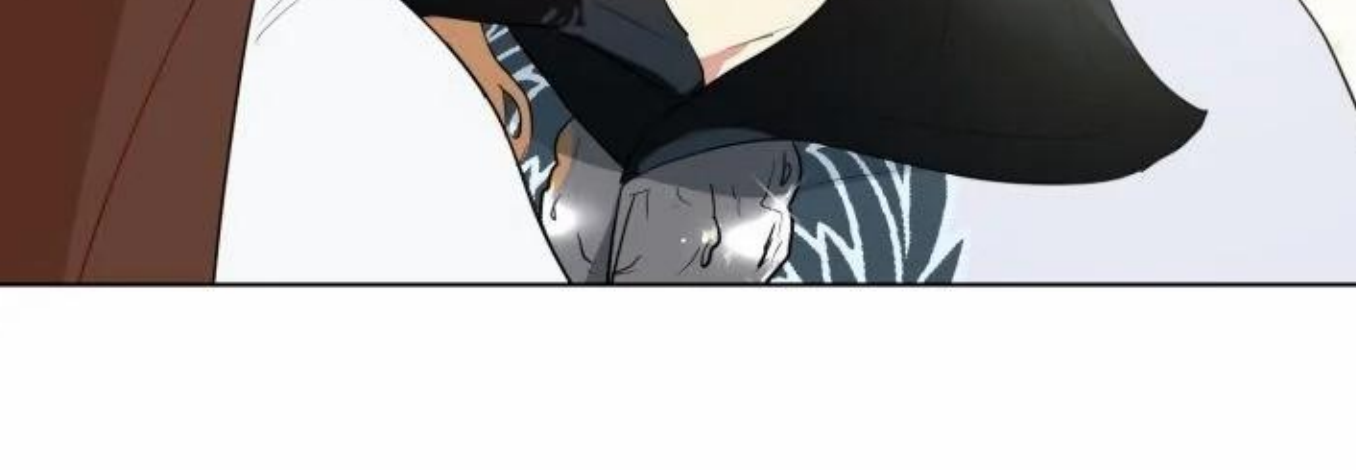


RIGHT NOW, OUT OF ALL THE THINGS I HAVE, ONLY THE LOAFERS ARE MINE.

EVEN THEY'RE ALL WORN OUT. HOW EMBARRASSING.

THAT BEING SAID,

WOULD YOU MIND WAITING A BIT UNTIL I CAN SAY IT MORE CONFIDENTLY?





I- I DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING WEIRD, JUST YOUR NAME!

UGH.

GRAB

YOU MIGHT THINK I'M OVERREACTING, BUT ANYWAYS!

OR WAS THAT AN ORDER...?

TAP

TAP

I'LL WAIT.

NOW, THE LAST ITEM!

THE MYSTERIOUS AUTHOR JELLYFOOT'S NEWEST WORK THAT EVERYONE'S BEEN TALKING ABOUT!

OOOH..

THE ONE AND ONLY ORIGINAL COPY OF 'THE PRINCE IN THE ROSE' VOLUME 2!

IT'S REALLY HERE...!

WHO'S GOING TO BUY THAT.

THERE WAS WORD FROM AN AGENT THAT THE WINNING BIDDER WILL RECEIVE THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL SIGNATURE!

AHEM!

200.

RAISE

(2)

250!

280!

WAIT, WHERE DID BLEN GO? DID HE RUN AWAY?!

NOISH

NOISH

HAH... LET'S JUST FOCUS ON THE FAKE.

HE COULD HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR SOMEONE ELSE. I SHOULD HAVE DEALT WITH HIM EARLIER

AS EXPECTED, WE CAN'T TRUST ANYONE.

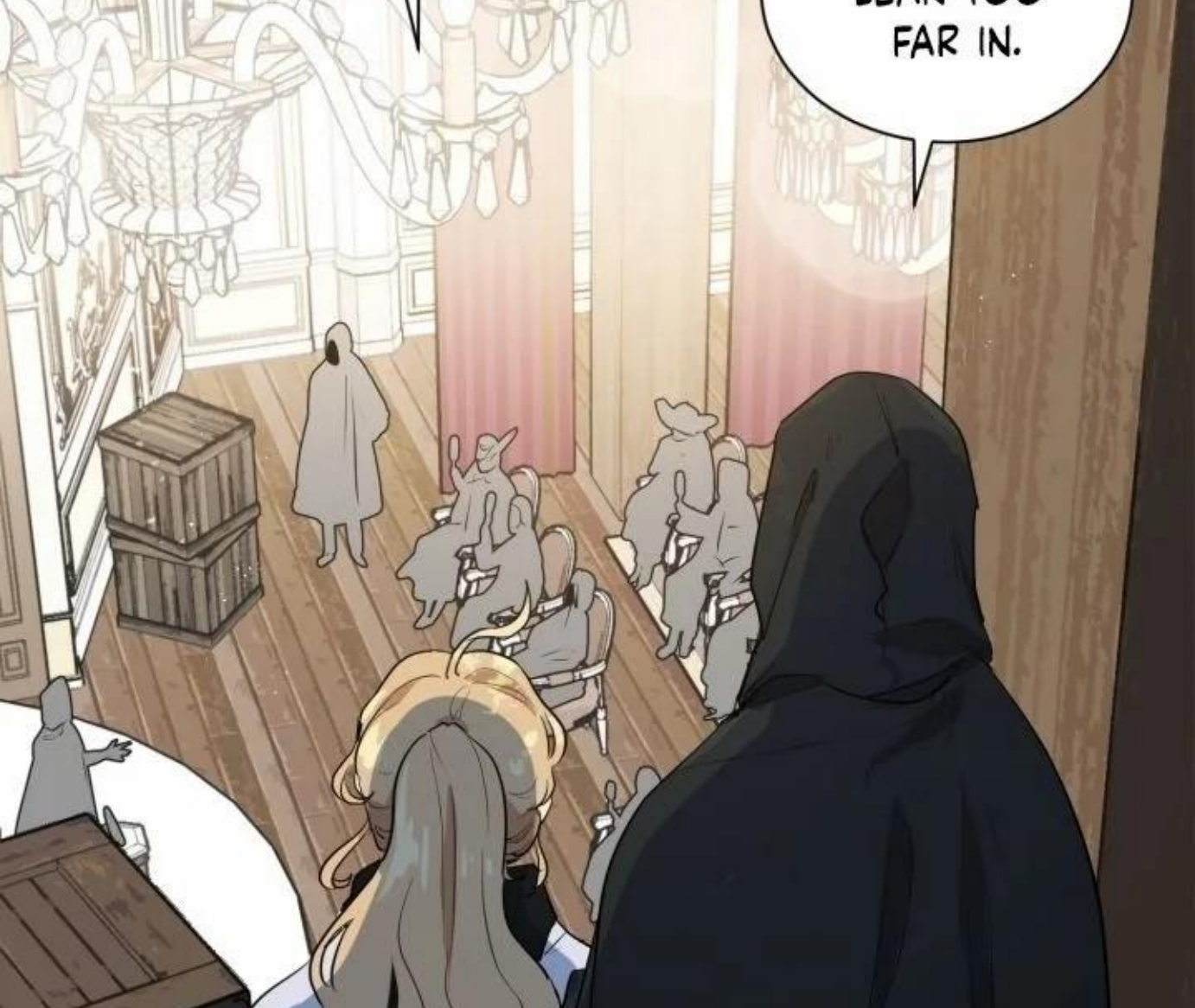
WAIT HERE. I'LL HEAD UP...

MY PRINCE, I'LL GO TOWARDS THE FRONT AND TAKE A LOOK AT THE SITUATION...

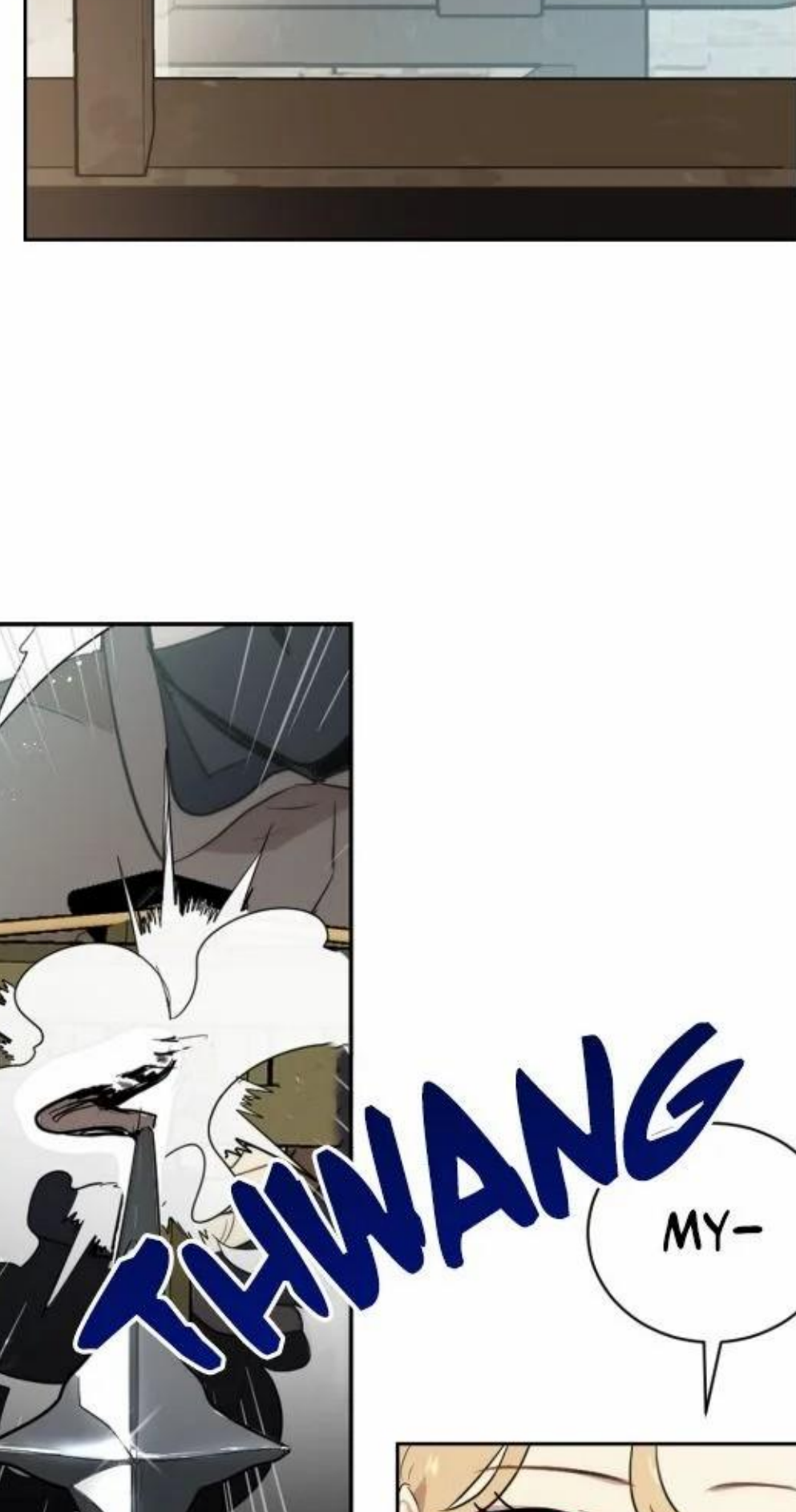
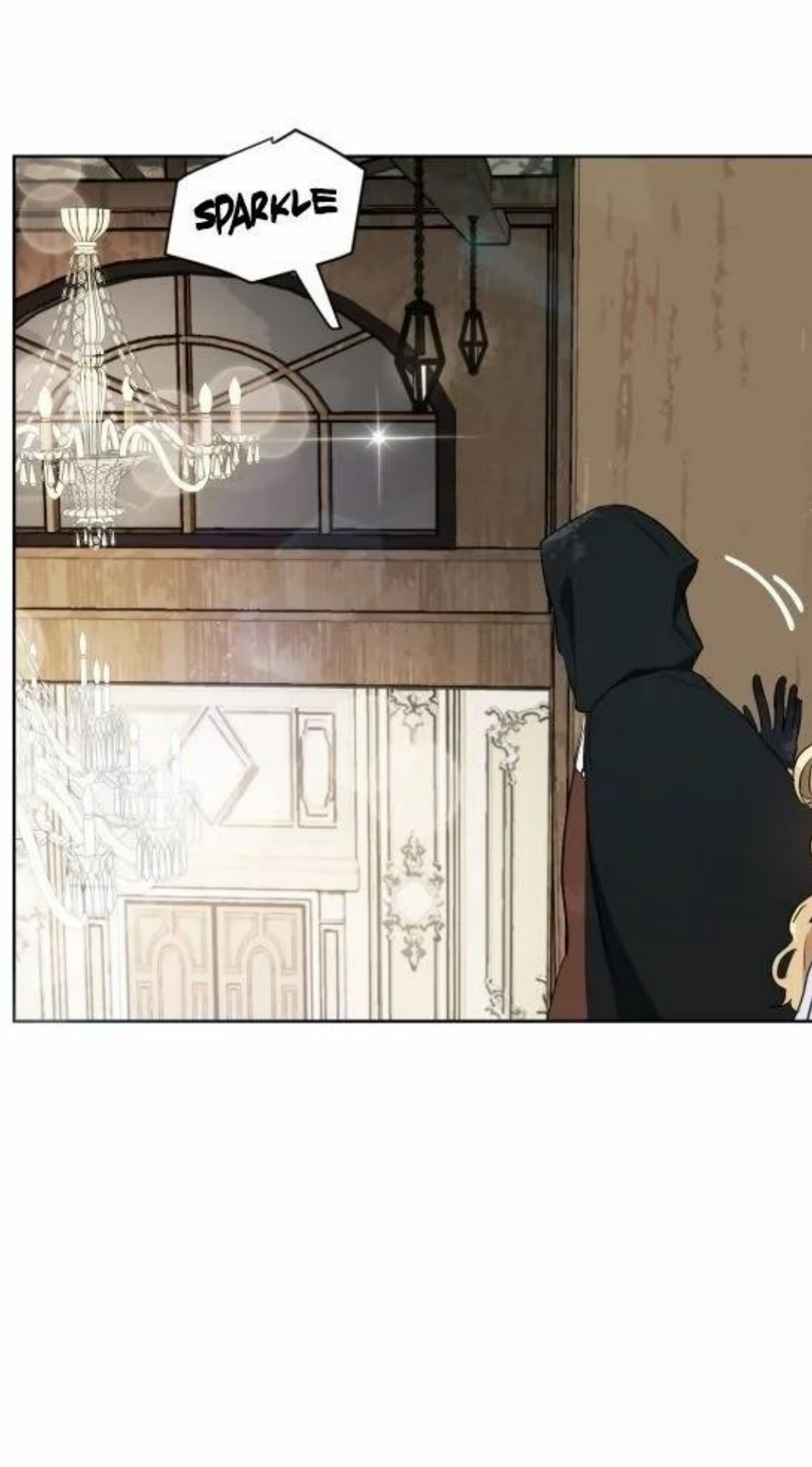
STAND

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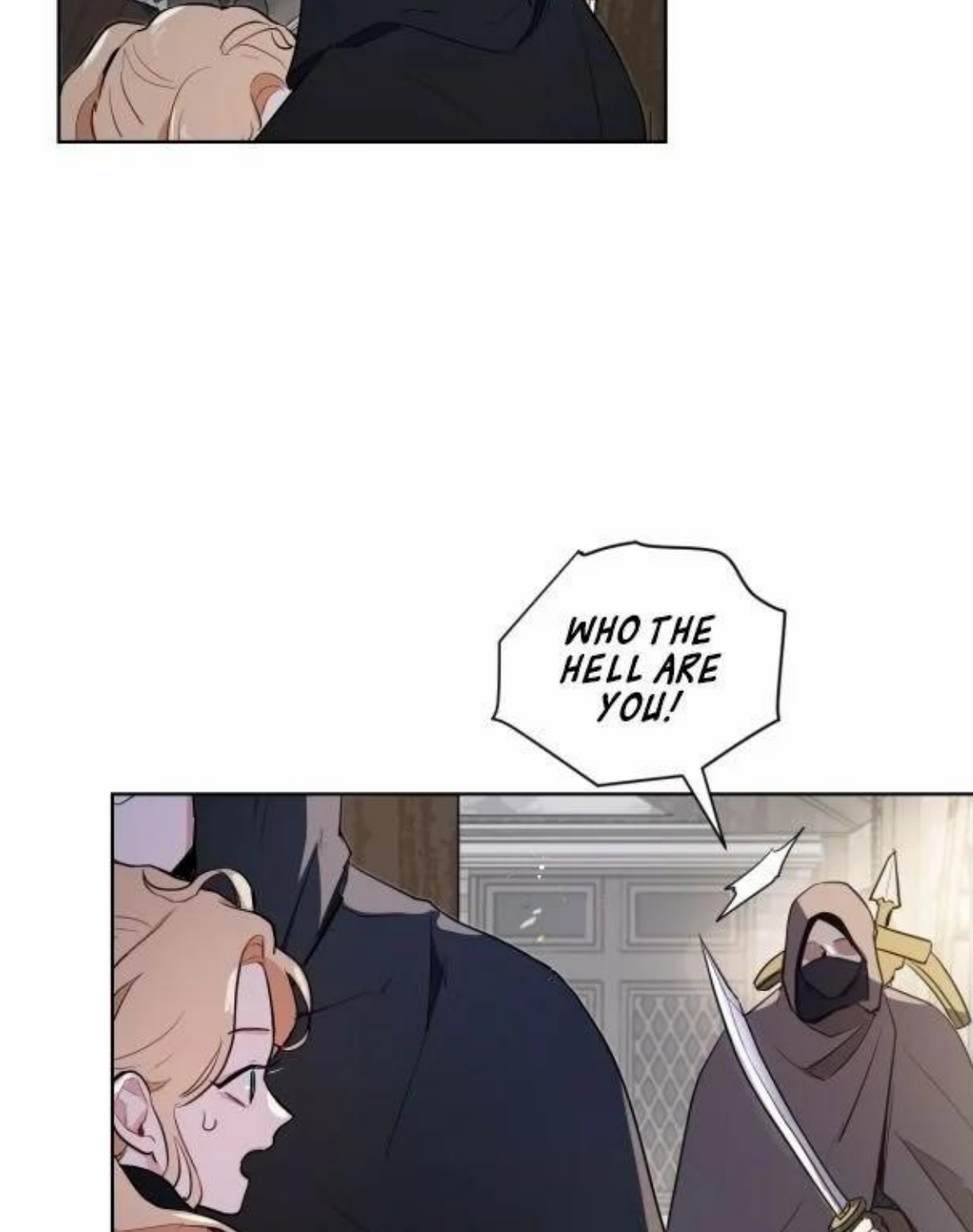
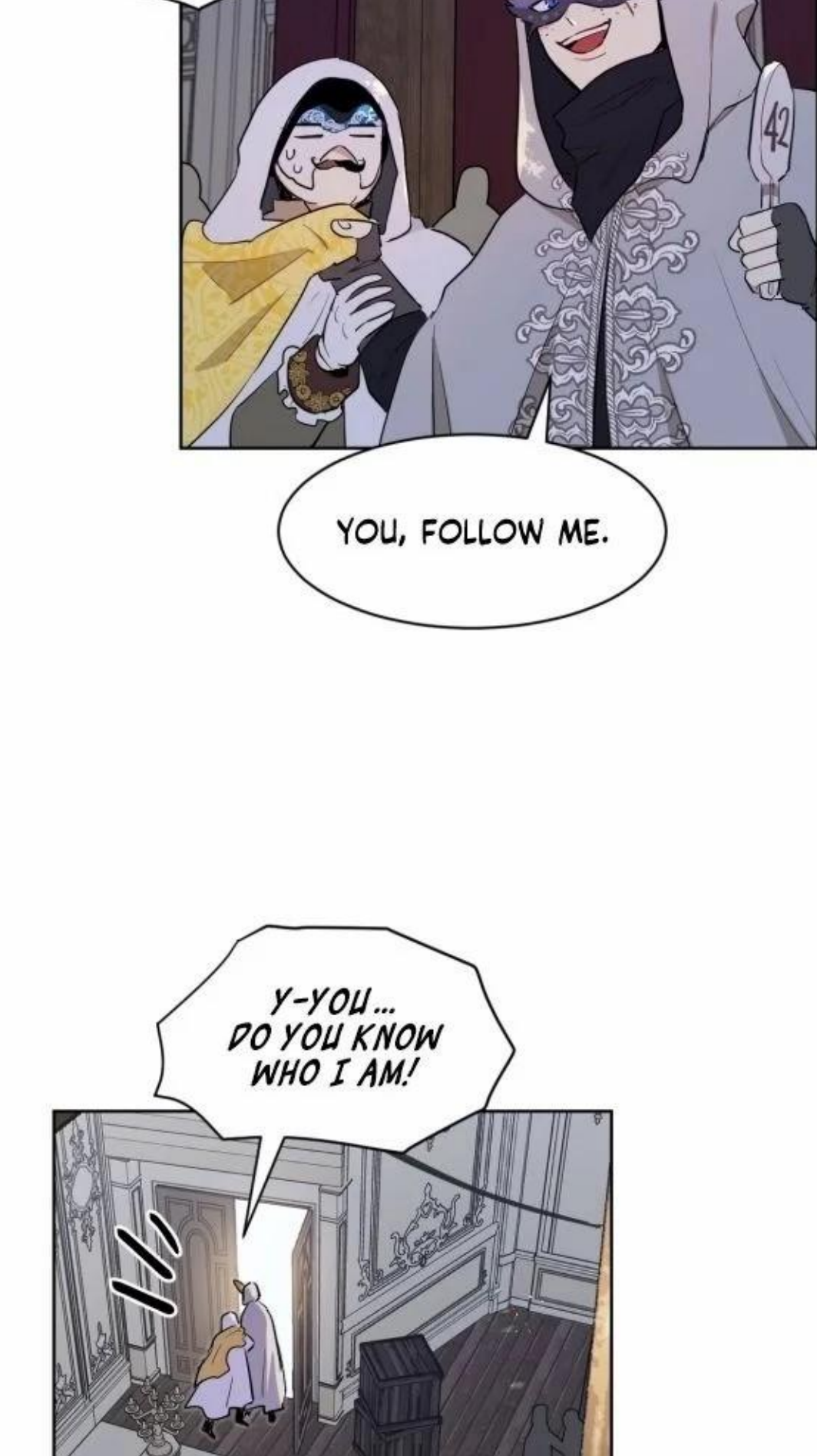
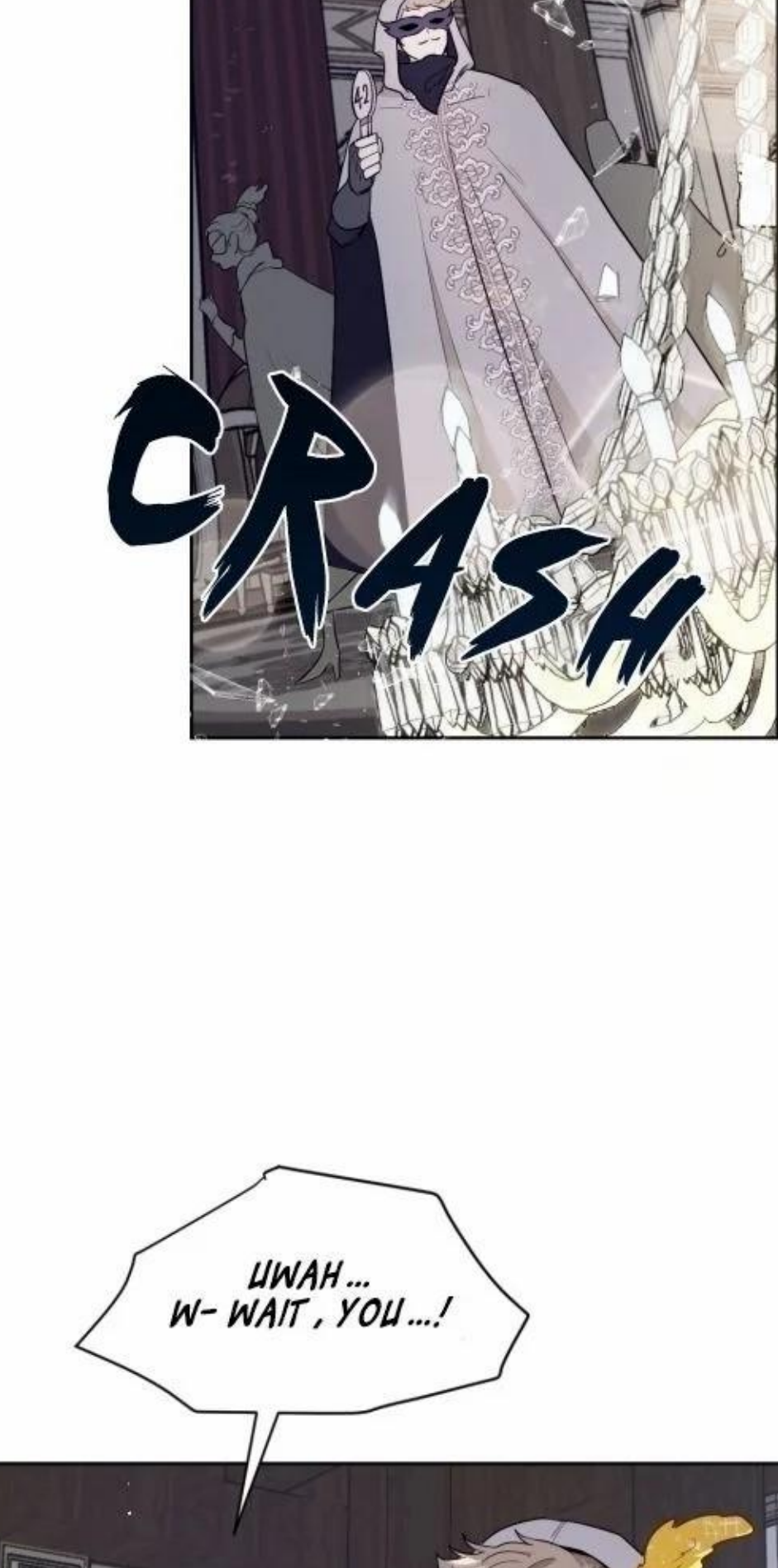
















WHAT WAS...

ANOTHER DOLL BOX WITH PRINCE MERCH IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS...



DASH

ARE YOU OKAY? SOMEONE WAS RUNNING TOWARDS YOU WITH A SWORD, SO...!



I'M FINE.

SHEATH



THEY'RE ILLEGAL ANYWAYS.

HUH?! NO, I MEANT YOU!

CR

ACK!



TUMBLE

WHY ARE THESE GUYS FALLING DOWN? WHAT IDIOTS...

THERE MUST BE MORE...!



CLIP CLOP

CLIP CLOP

WRAP THIS UP. I'LL DEAL WITH THE AUTHOR FIRST.



NEIGH

THERE ARE STILL HORSES LEFT, THAT'S GOOD.

MUMBLE



THE PRINCE IS SO CALM IN THESE TYPES OF SITUATIONS.



HAVE YOU RIDDEN A HORSE BEFORE?



SLIDE

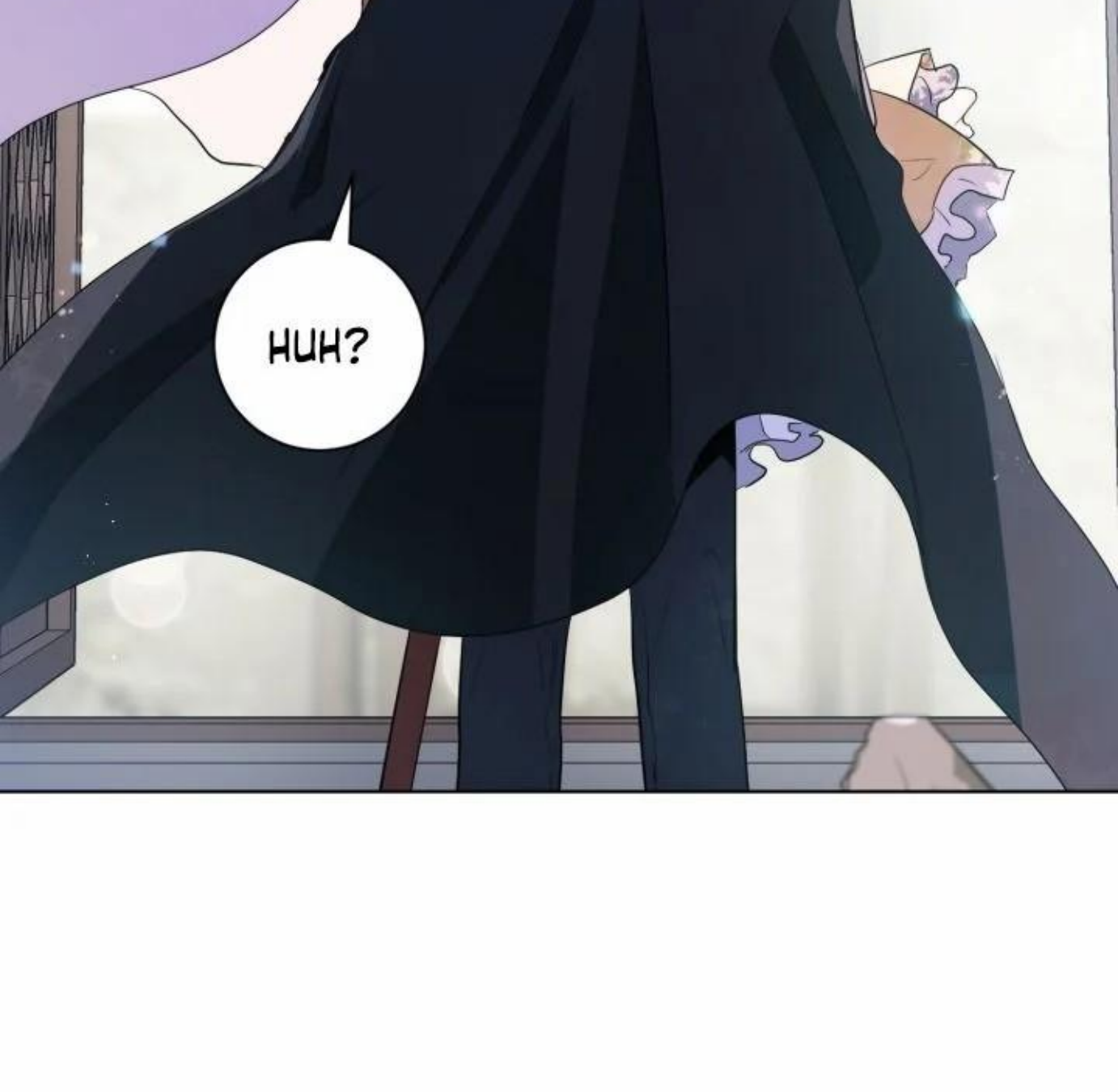
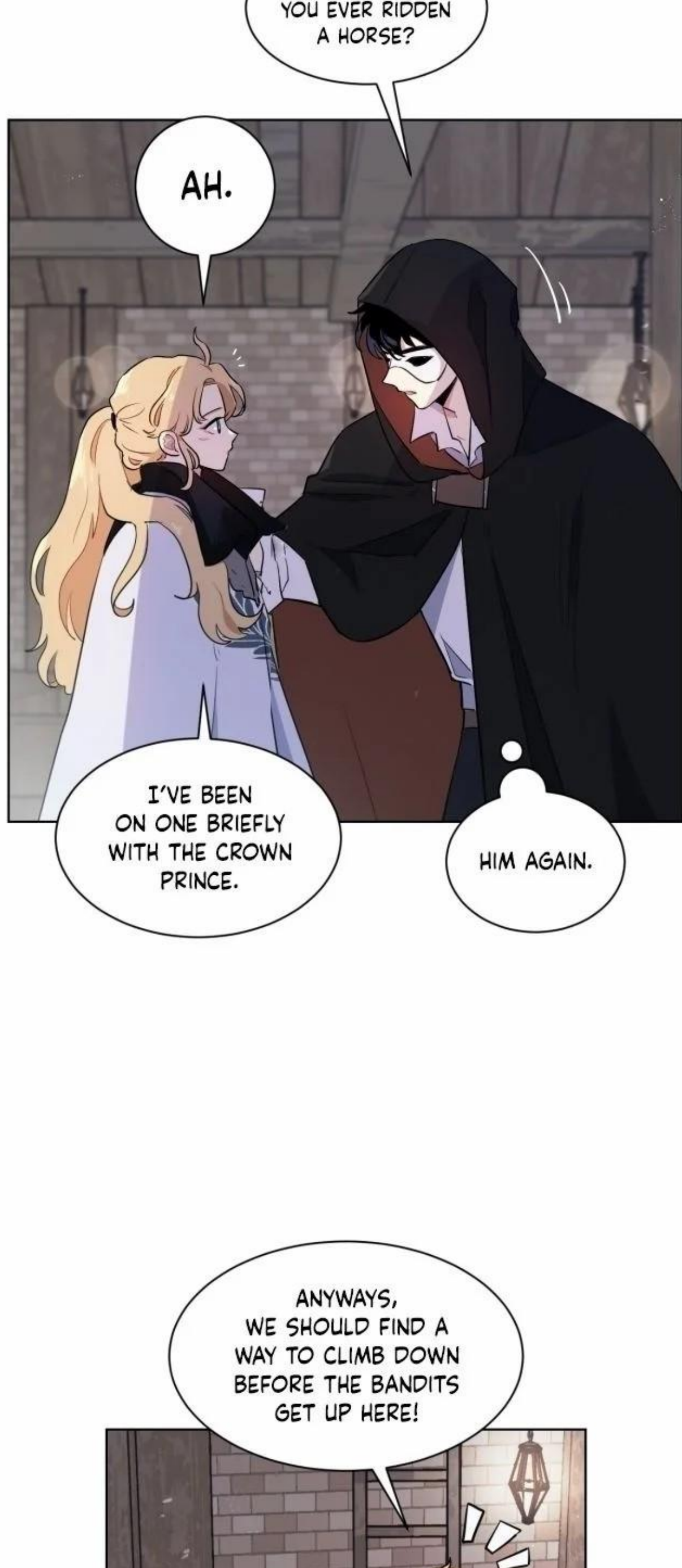
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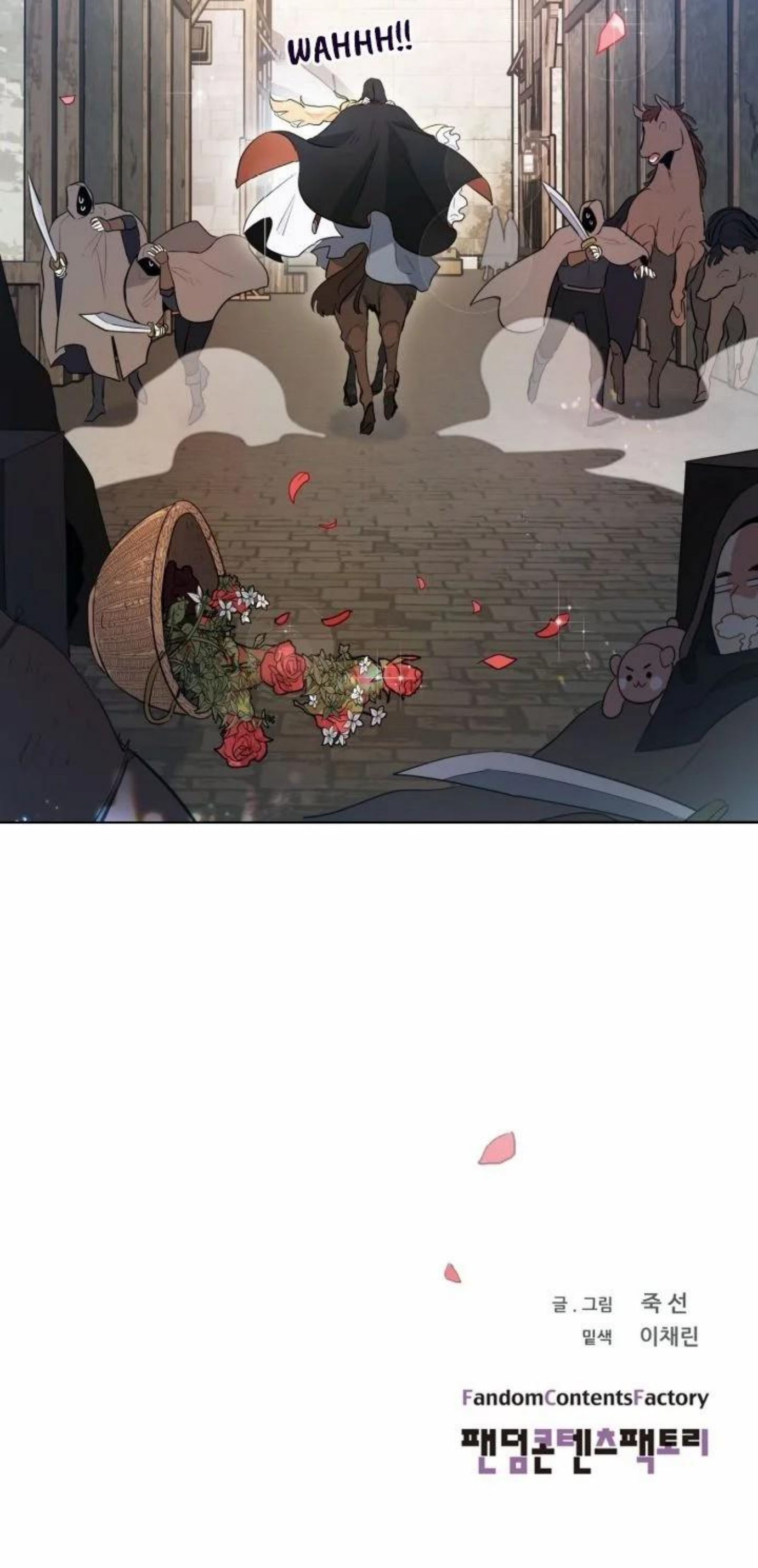
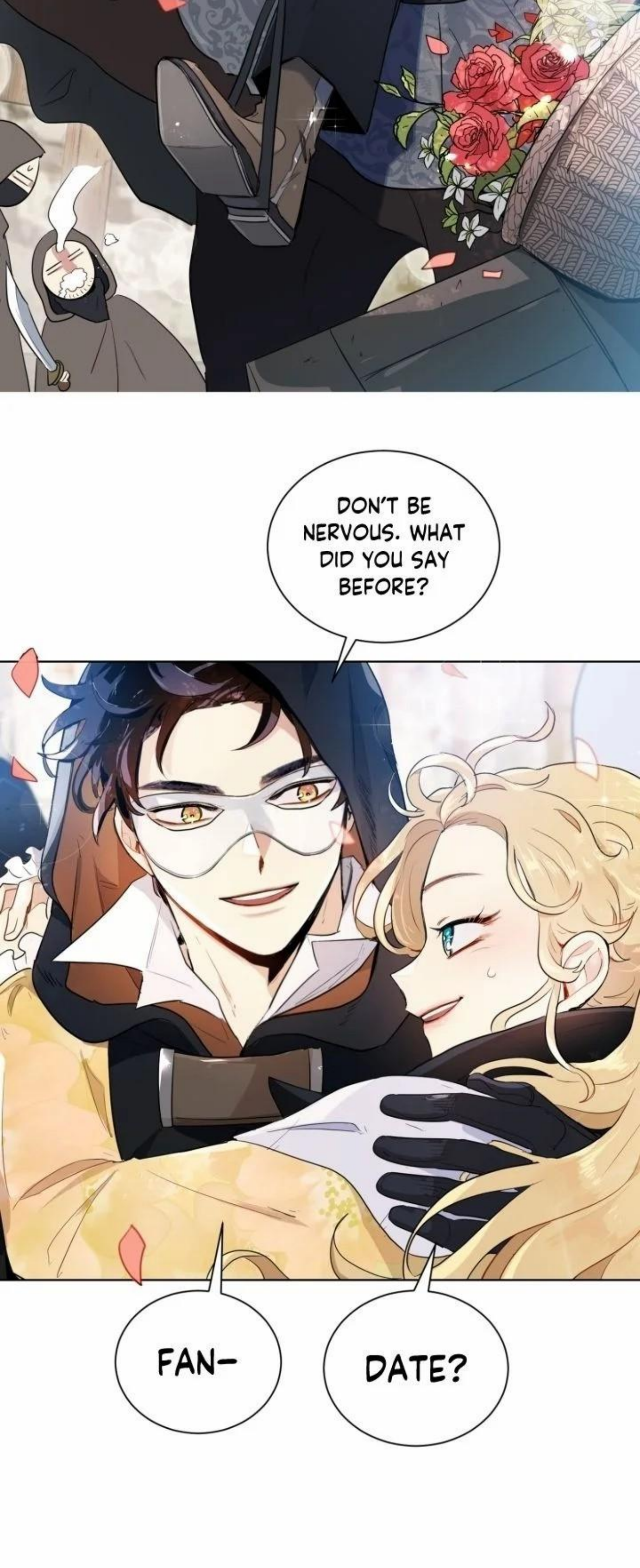
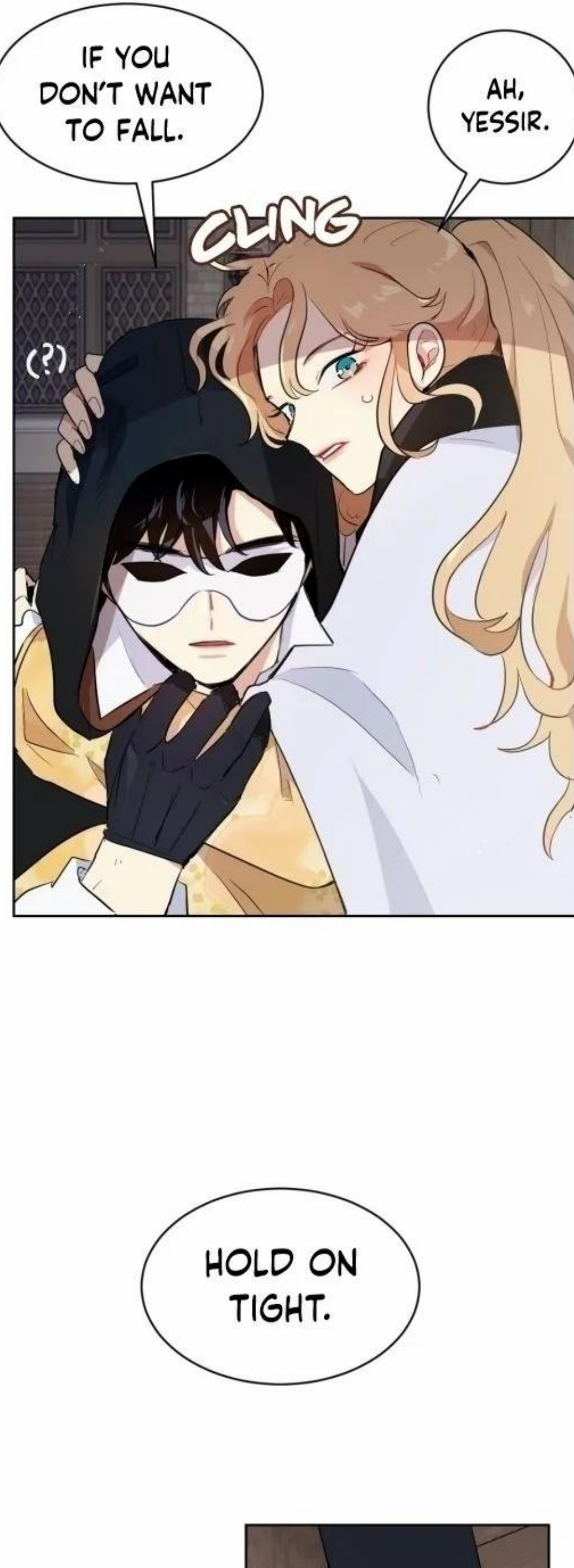
HE'S SOMEONE WHO'S USUALLY ON THE FRONT LINES.

I'LL ONLY BE IN HIS WAY IF I'M SCARED.













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SIGH... NEXT ON THE SCHEDULE IS...

AH.



RUSTLE

I SEE NOTHING HAS CHANGED. YOU STILL CHANGE ON YOUR OWN WITHOUT A SERVANT,

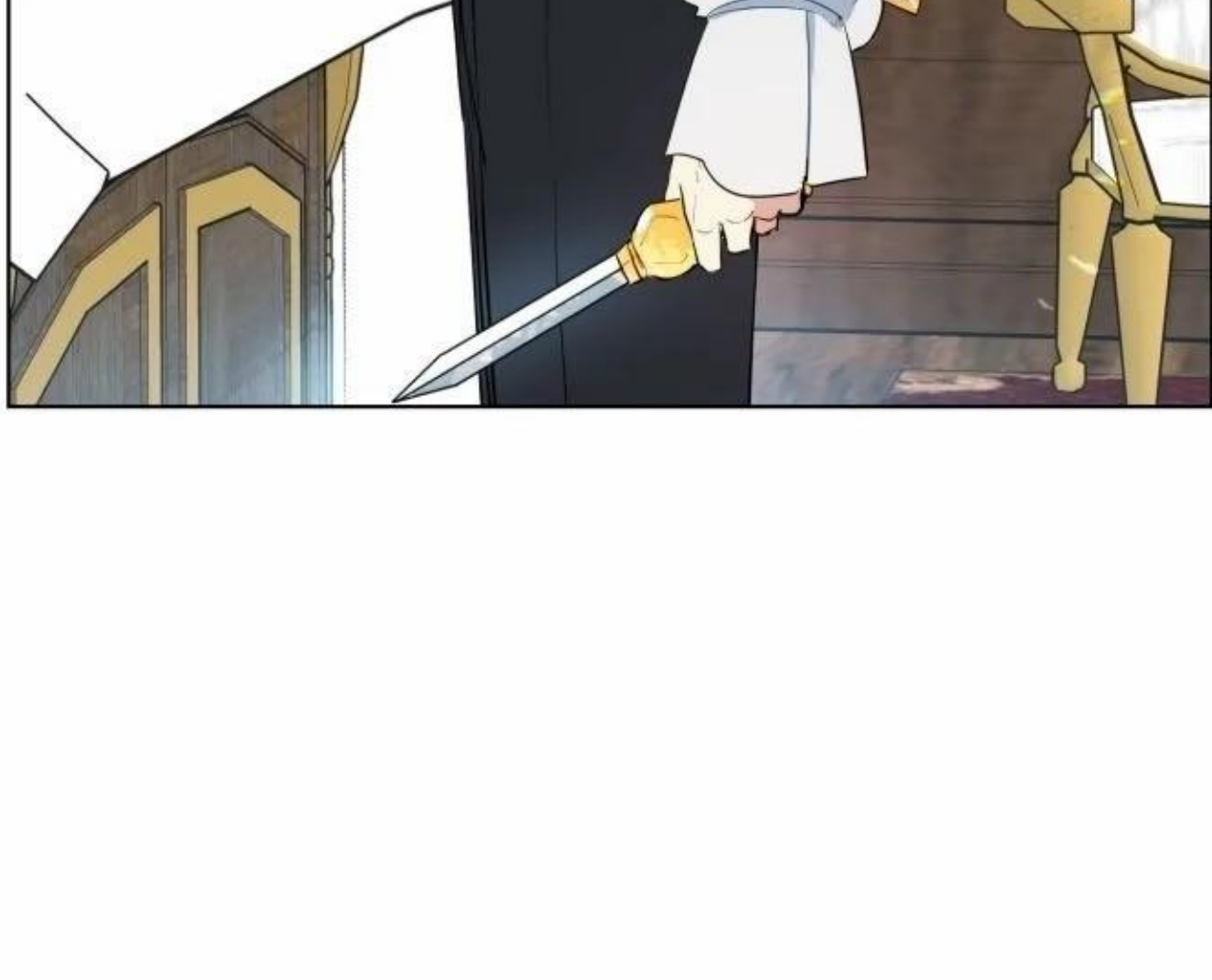


YOUR HIGHNESS, THE CROWN PRINCE OF OUR EMPIRE.



I'M NOT SURE IF YOU CAN BUTTON YOURSELF UP ALONE.

WANT ME TO HELP?



SISTER?



LIVE WITH YOUR DOORS CLOSED, YOUR HIGHNESS. THIS IS PERFECT FOR AN ASSASSINATION.

THIS IS TRESPASSING...



STARE - -

WHY, WE DID THIS OFTEN BEFORE, DID WE NOT?

SPEAK COMFORTABLY WHEN IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US, SISTER. DID YOU NEED SOMETHING?

I JUST CAME BY BECAUSE I DIDN'T SEE ANY GUARDS NEAR YOU,

SINCE I DON'T HAVE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO TALK TO YOU ALONE.



THE TOWN SEEMS TO BE BUSY WITH THE FESTIVAL, BUT THE CASTLE MAIDS ARE WHISPERING ABOUT A 'WEIRD NOVEL.'



DID YOU, BY ANY CHANCE, SEND YOUR GUARD SOMEWHERE?



LIKE YOU SAID, I'M USUALLY ALONE WHEN I CHANGE. WHY DO YOU ASK?

ARE YOU ALSO INTERESTED IN COMMONERS' NOVELS?

HOW COULD I NOT BE WHEN THEY'RE ABOUT RAYBURN.

THERE'S NO WAY OUR AUTHOR COULD HAVE WRITTEN SUCH CRUDE CONTENT.

I HAD HOPED TO SEE IF FERDERIC WAS INVOLVED IN THIS, BUT I CAN'T TELL.

NOT TO MENTION, IT'S STILL UNCLEAR WHETHER OR NOT HE KNOWS THAT THE AUTHOR IS WITH US...

I CAN'T ASK ANY MORE QUESTIONS HERE...

EVERYONE'S BOTHERING YOU THESE DAYS, HUH?

BEING STUCK IN THE CASTLE AND WHATNOT-

**-TRESPASSING-**

YES, LIKE RIGHT NOW.

DON'T WORRY, I'LL LEAVE SOON.

MORE IMPORTANTLY, I CAME TO ASK.

ISN'T THAT POSITION TOO MUCH FOR YOU TO HANDLE BY YOURSELF?

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT RAYBURN...

ME COMING BACK TO THE CASTLE?

AS THE CROWN PRINCE?

HA, I DIDN'T SAY THAT.

I DON'T KNOW.

WHEN I WAS YOUNG, I WAS JEALOUS OF YOU TWO.

I WAS ALONE IN THIS LONELY CASTLE,

WHILE YOU TWO HAD EACH OTHER.





I FOLLOWED THE TWO OF YOU AROUND, RELYING ON YOU WHILE STAYING IN MY POSITION WITHOUT BEING GREEDY.



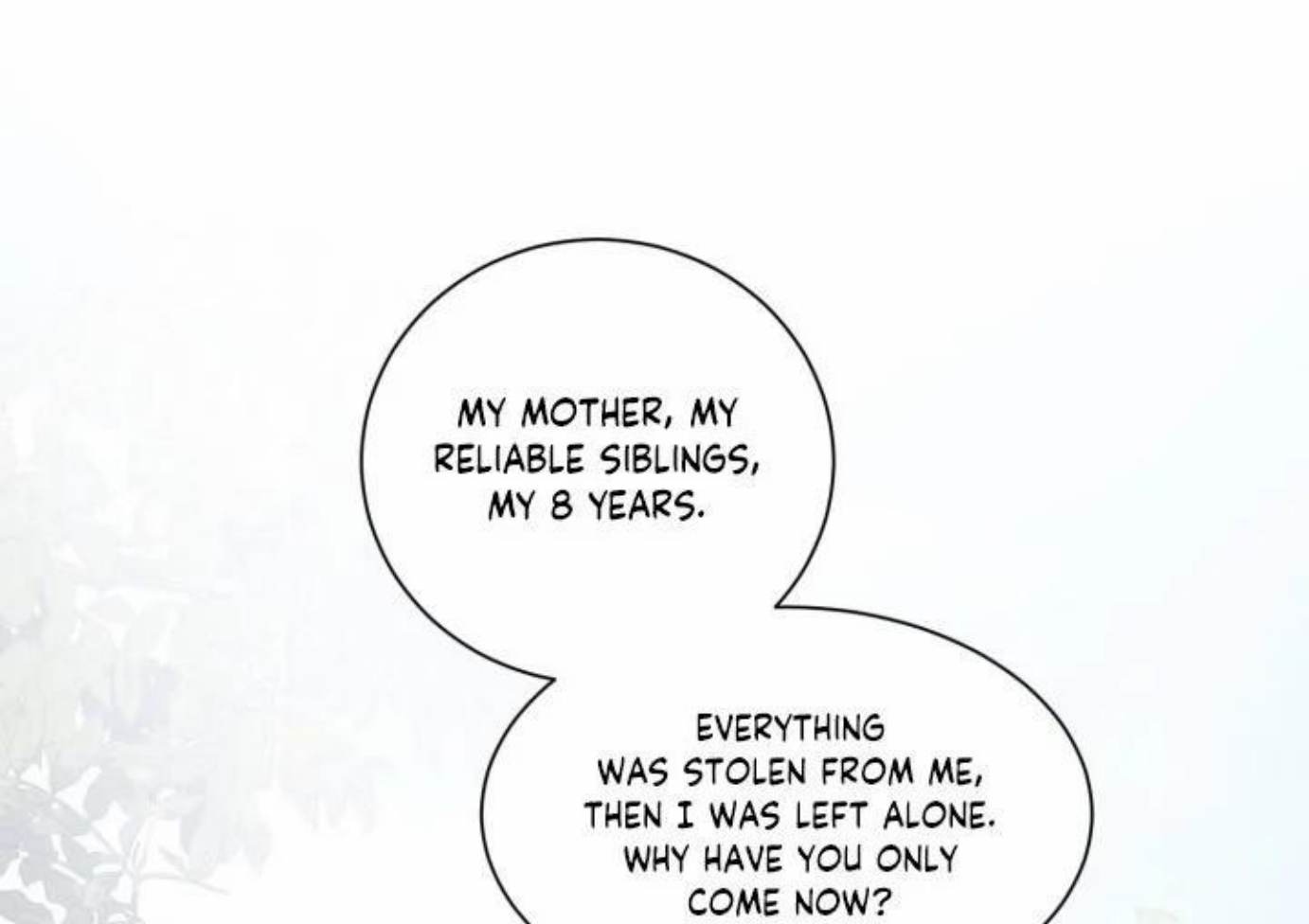
I OFTEN WISHED TO RETURN TO THOSE TIMES.

THAT'S WHAT I USED TO THINK,



BUT ONE DAY I STARTED THINKING THIS INSTEAD.

WHY HAVE YOU ONLY COME NOW?



MY MOTHER, MY RELIABLE SIBLINGS, MY 8 YEARS.

EVERYTHING WAS STOLEN FROM ME, THEN I WAS LEFT ALONE. WHY HAVE YOU ONLY COME NOW?

YOU SHOULD HAVE COME EARLIER.



LET ME ASK YOU,



THIS TIME, CAN I STEAL EVERYTHING FROM YOU?

THE POSITION

AND THE PEOPLE.

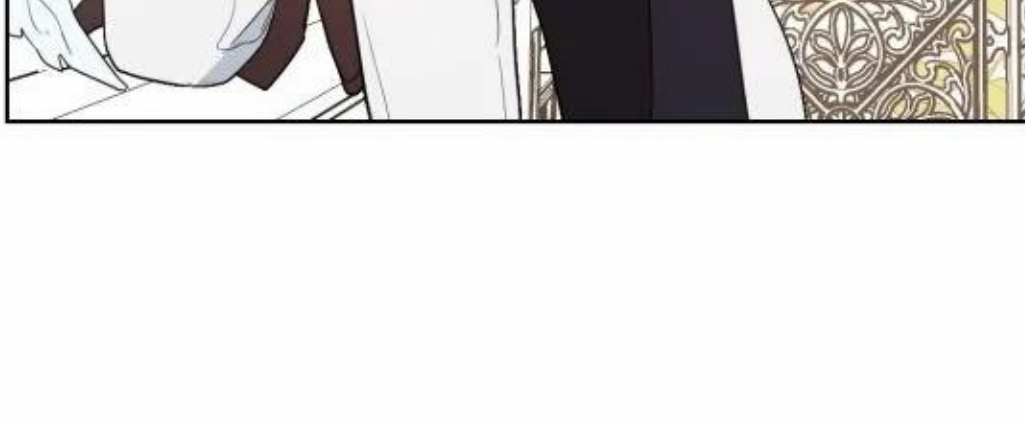
I HEAR HIS HIGHNESS' VOICE.

IS EVERYTHING ALRIGHT?



'STOLEN,' YOU SAY...

YEAH, I GUESS I AM A BIT LATE.



THANKS FOR THE ANSWER.







BREEZE

A BIRD?

WE'RE IN THE UNDERGROUND TOWN, BUT THERE'S A BIRD. I WONDER IF IT'S TRAPPED?

TICKLE

POOR THING.

OUCH!

-FIXED- SLAP!

...HE WAS PROBABLY TRYING TO GET ME TO RELAX WHEN

HE ACCEPTED THE ABSURD FAN DATE COMMENT, RIGHT?

UGH, I CAN'T BELIEVE THE PRINCE HAS TO GO THROUGH DIRTY ROADS LIKE THIS BECAUSE OF ME.

SNIFF!

ANYWAYS, HOW DO WE EVEN CHASE AFTER HIM?

HE'S PROBABLY GOTTEN PRETTY FAR NOW SINCE WE HAD TO LOSE THE BANDITS.

I WANNA HELP...

RATS? INSECTS?

GAVE UP

LOOKS AROUND

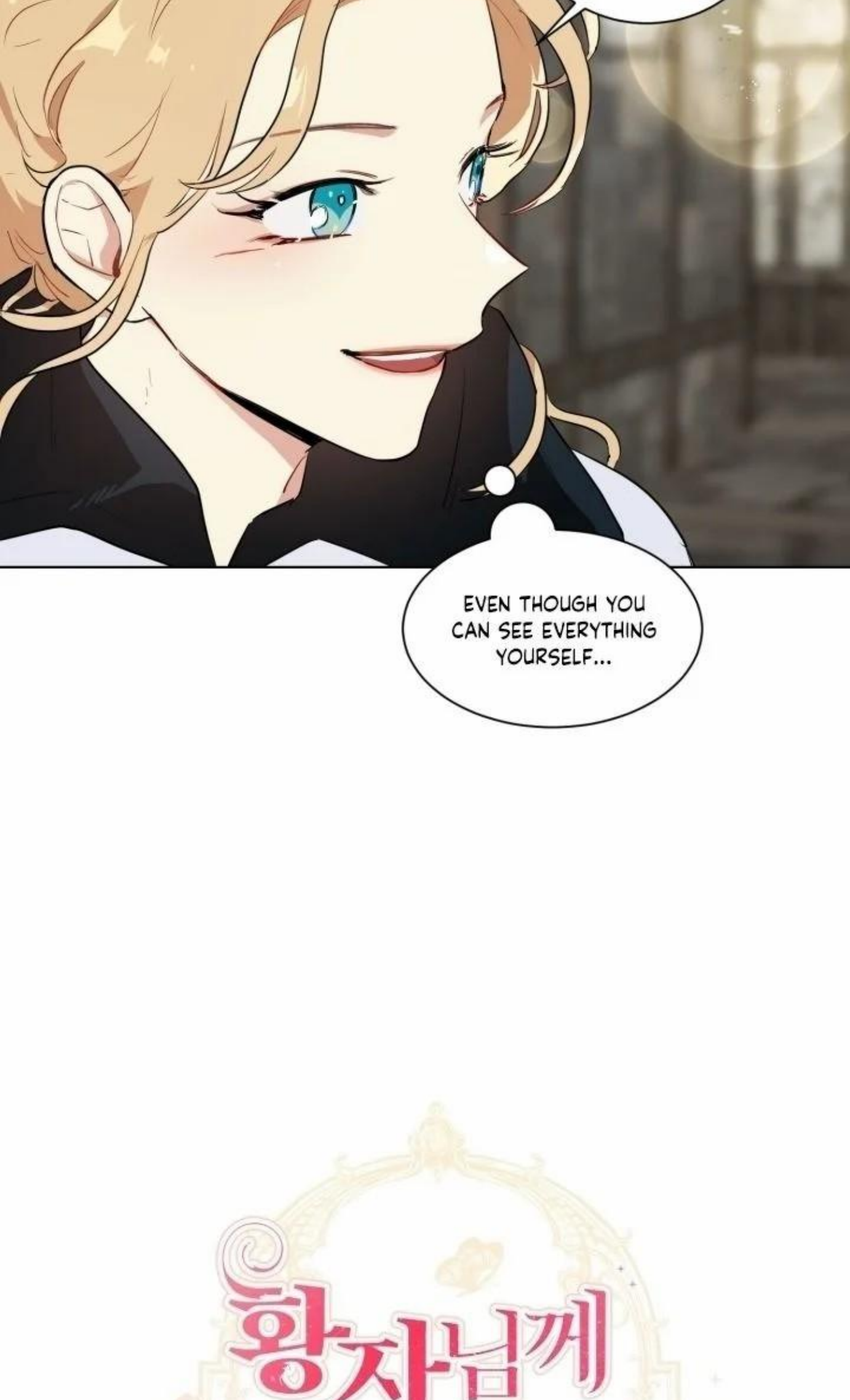
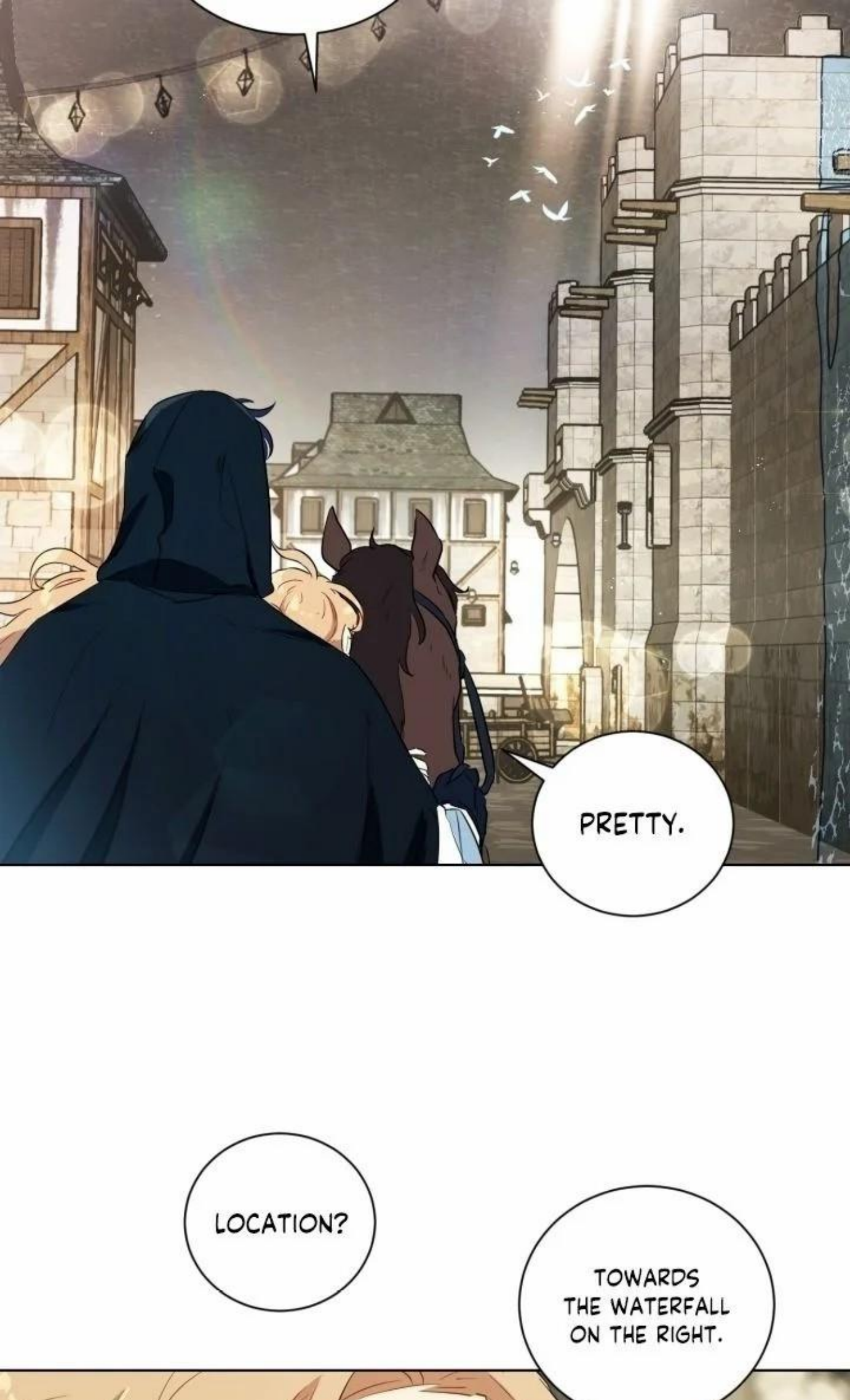
I CAN'T SEE BECAUSE OF YOUR ANTENNA,

SO TELL ME WHICH DIRECTION THE BIRDS ARE CAUSING A FUSS IN.

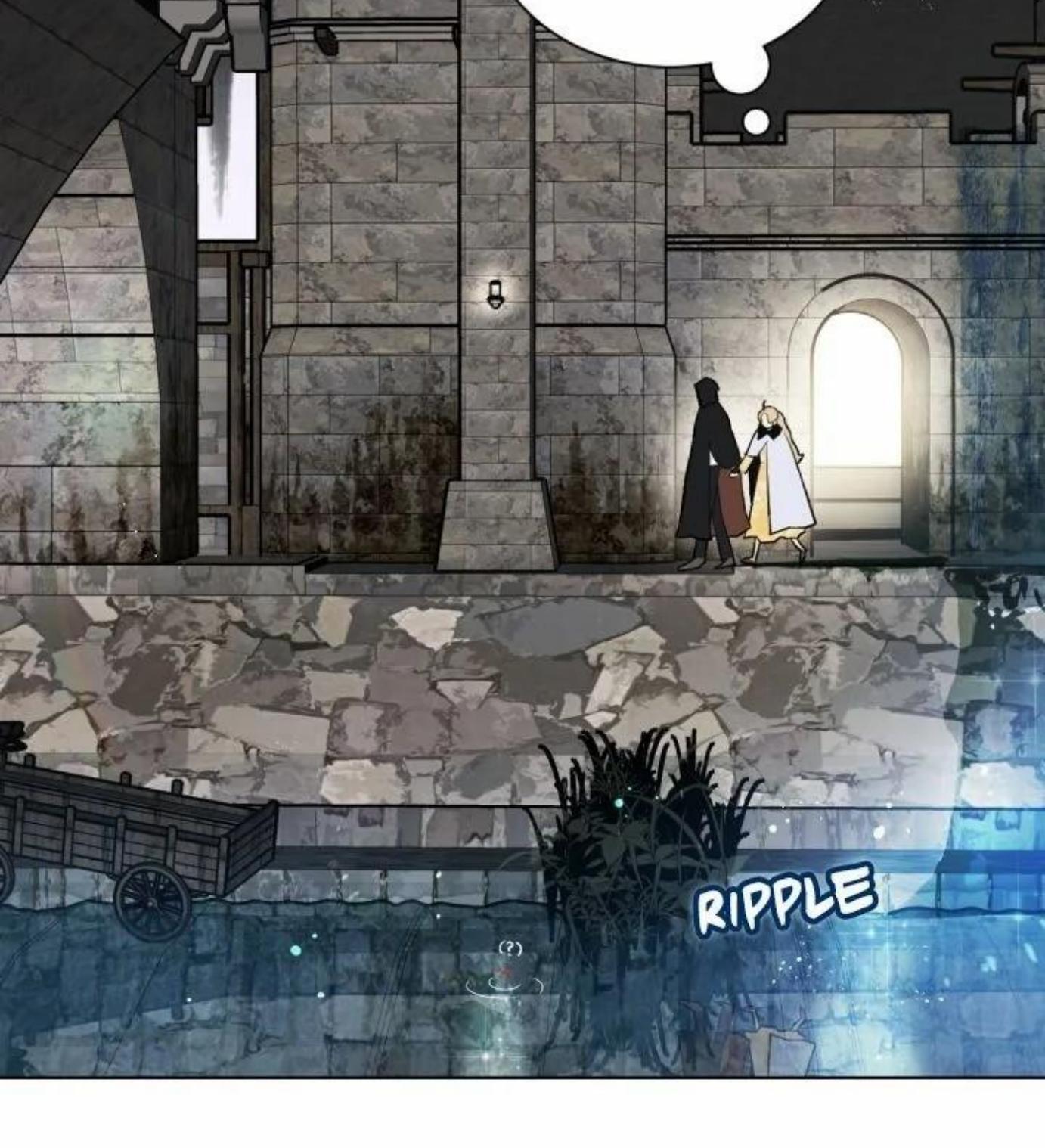
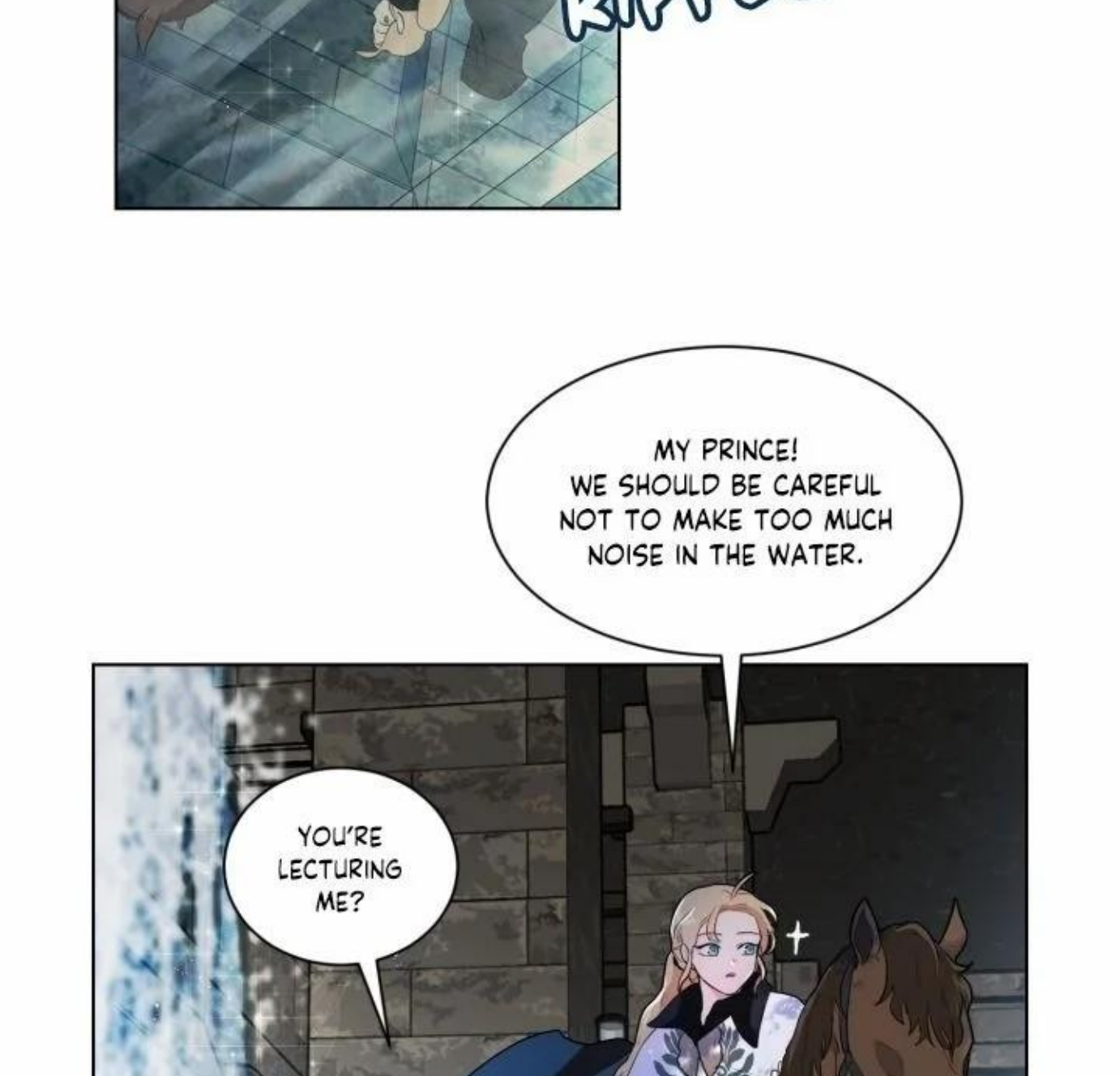
BIRDS?

OH, I DIDN'T SEE THAT THERE WAS A FLOCK.





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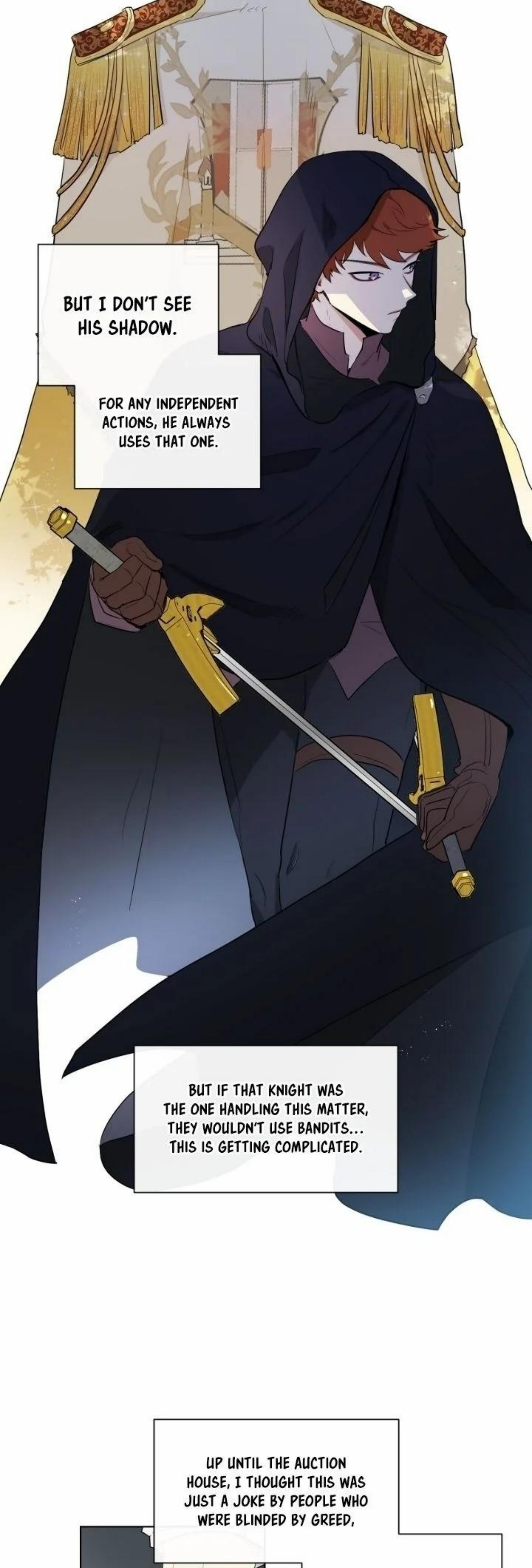








...OR WAS IT  
FERDERIC?



BUT I DON'T SEE  
HIS SHADOW.

FOR ANY INDEPENDENT  
ACTIONS, HE ALWAYS  
USES THAT ONE.

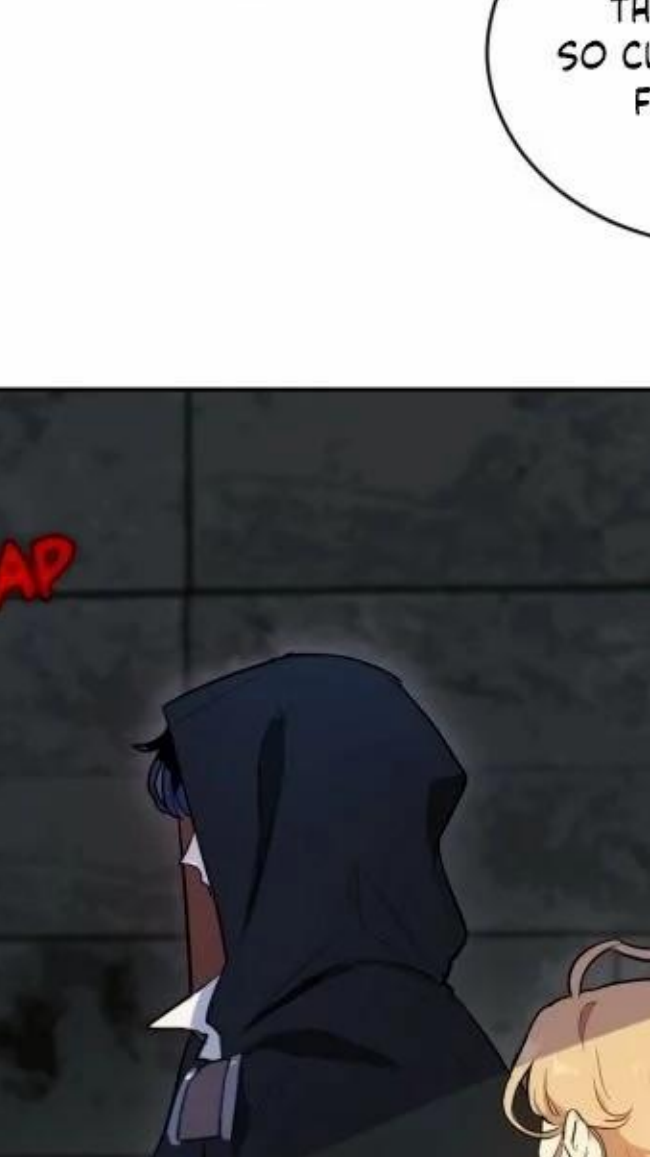
BUT IF THAT KNIGHT WAS  
THE ONE HANDLING THIS MATTER,  
THEY WOULDN'T USE BANDITS...  
THIS IS GETTING COMPLICATED.



UP UNTIL THE AUCTION  
HOUSE, I THOUGHT THIS WAS  
JUST A JOKE BY PEOPLE WHO  
WERE BLINDED BY GREED,

BUT IT'S A COMPLETELY  
DIFFERENT MATTER IF YOU  
ALL ARE INTERVENING IN  
MY BUSINESS.

HE MUST HAVE  
FORGOTTEN THAT  
WE WERE HOLDING  
HANDS.



THE PRINCE IS  
SO CUTE WHEN HE'S  
FOCUSED...



(SCARED)

...NEVERMIND,  
HE'S SCARY.



HE LOOKS LIKE  
HE'S CONTEMPLATING HOW  
TO KILL THEM!!



I FORGOT  
THAT THE PRINCE  
HAD A SIDE LIKE  
THIS.

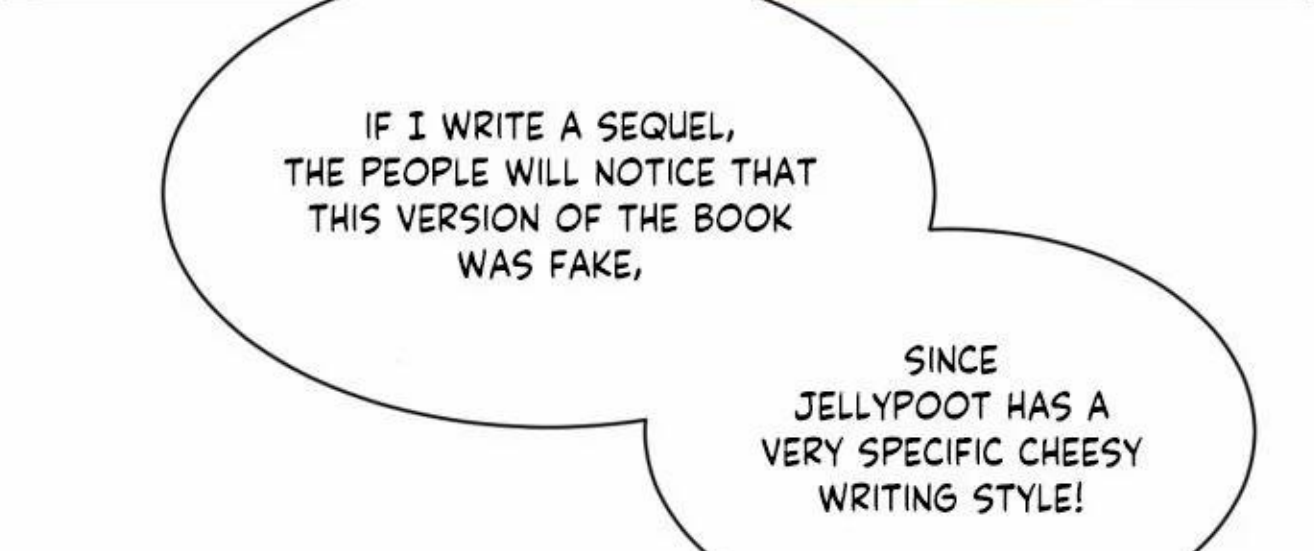


MY PRINCE,  
MAYBE THIS WOULD  
BE BETTER.



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?  
AH, MY BAD.

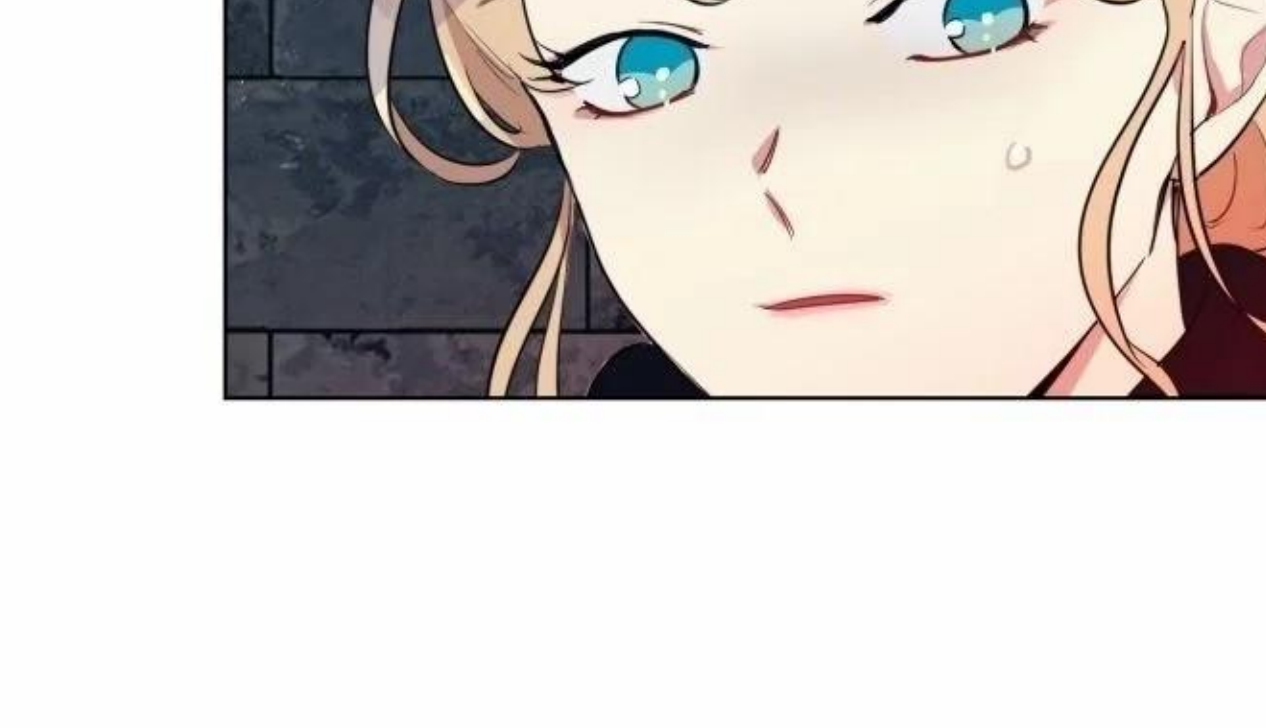
IF THEY'RE IMPERIAL  
KNIGHTS, NOT PEOPLE WITH  
BAD INTENTIONS, THEN LET  
THEM BE ARRESTED.



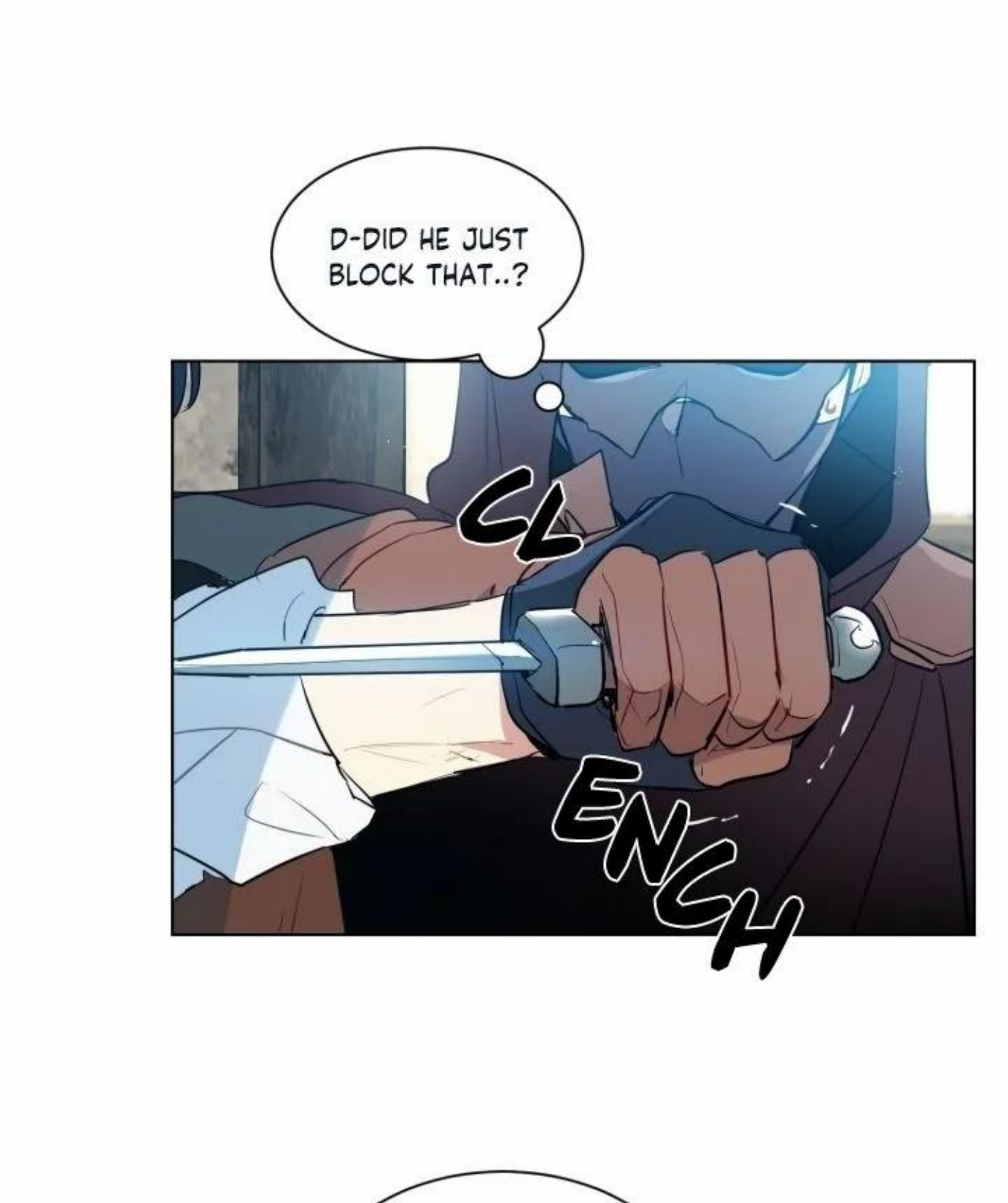
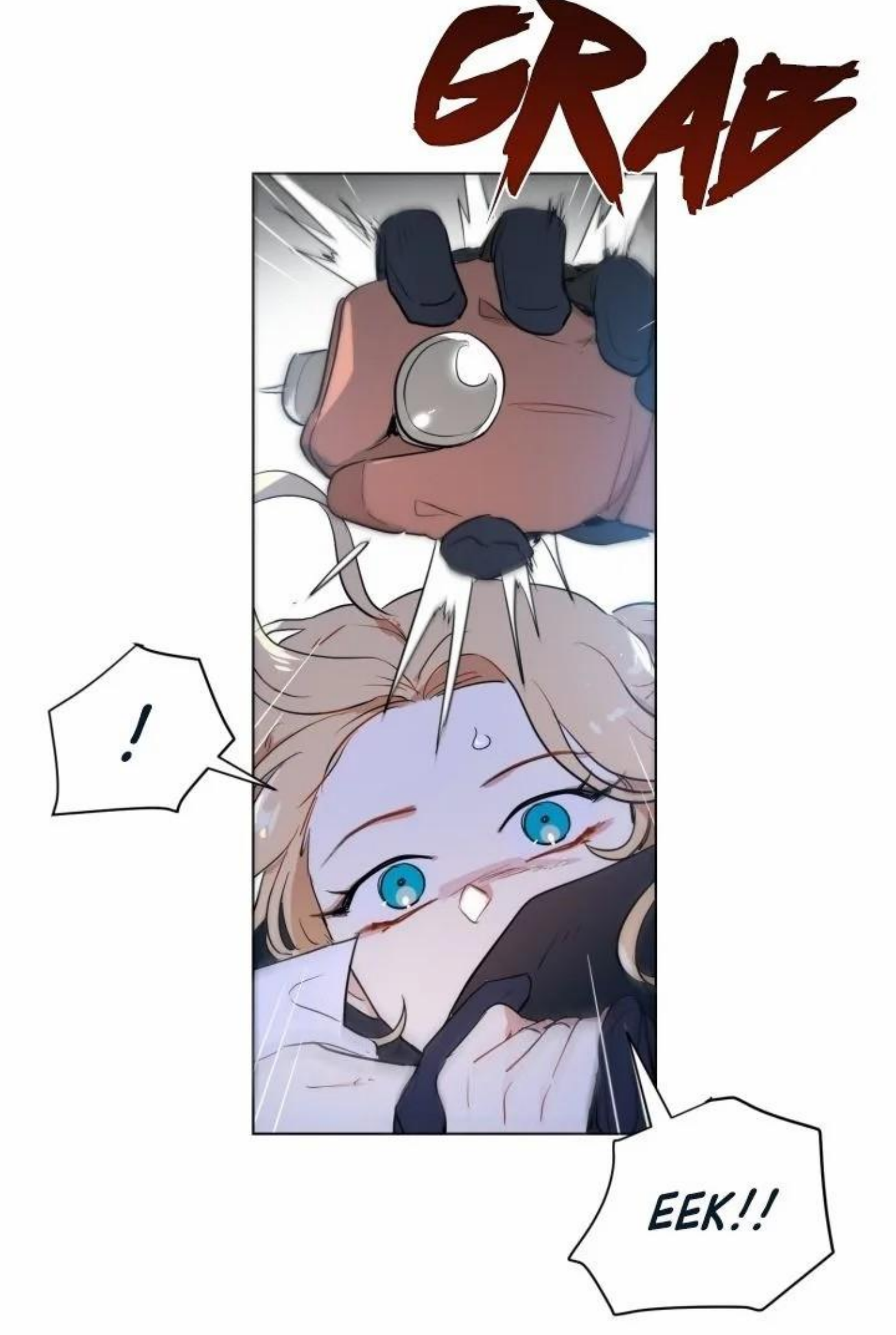
IF I WRITE A SEQUEL,  
THE PEOPLE WILL NOTICE THAT  
THIS VERSION OF THE BOOK  
WAS FAKE,

SINCE  
JELLYPOOT HAS A  
VERY SPECIFIC CHEESY  
WRITING STYLE!













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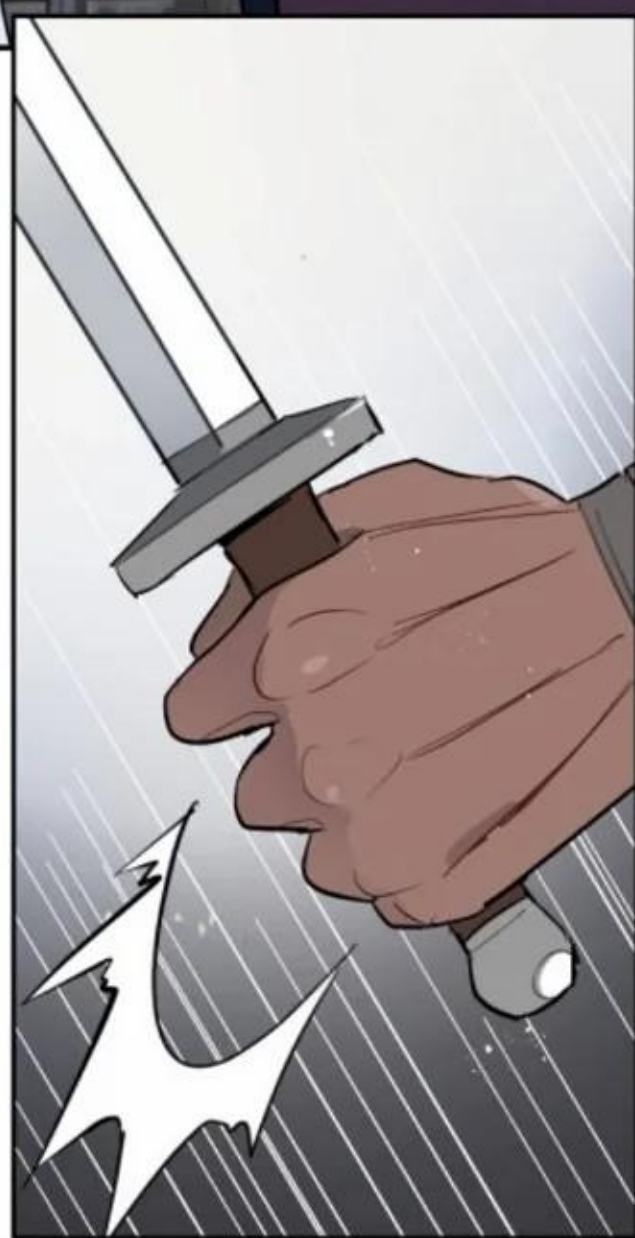
WHAT'S HAPPENING  
ALL OF A SUDDEN...



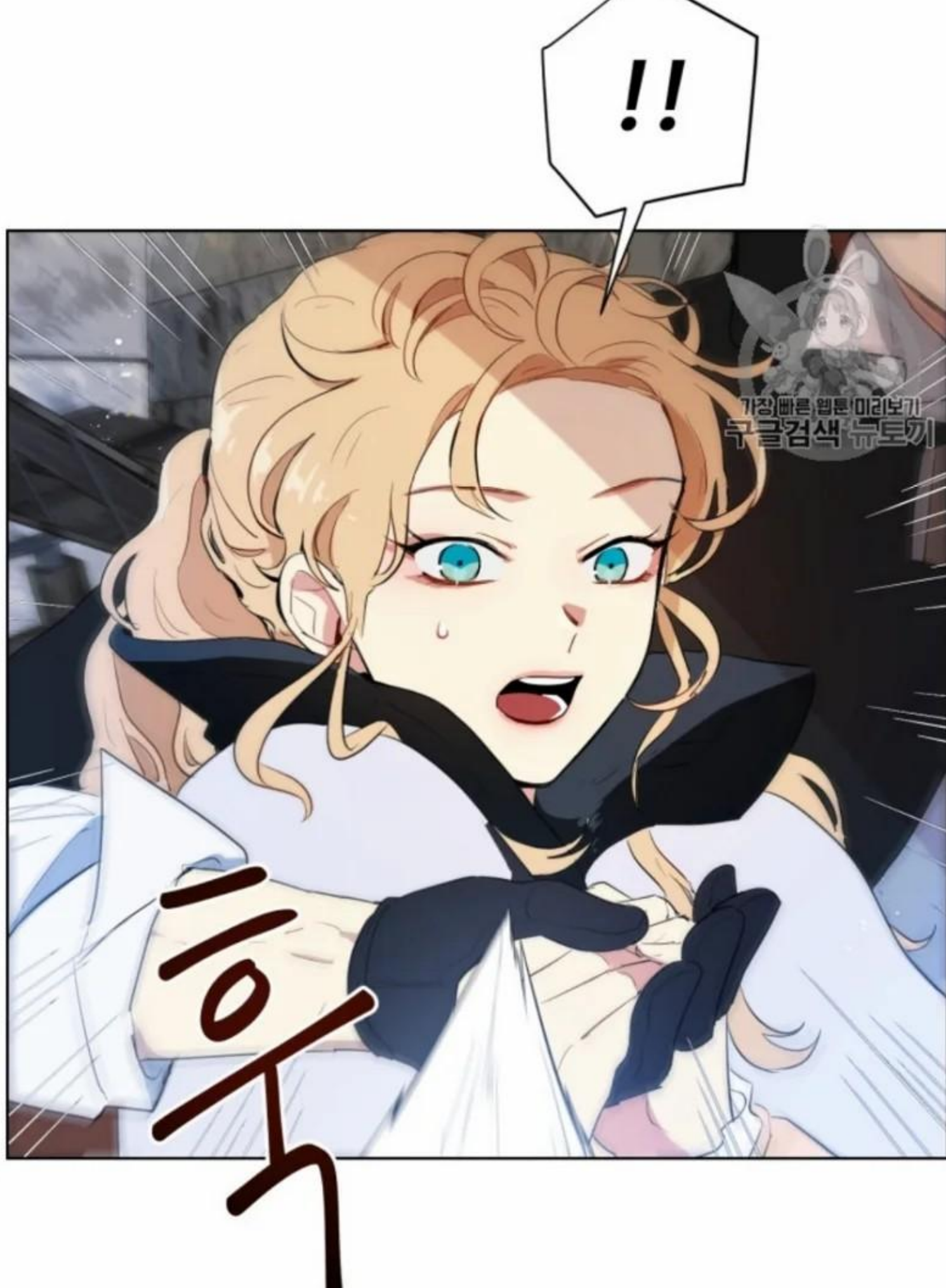
PRINCE...



UGH...!









WHO'S THERE!

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!



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방



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구글검색 뉴토끼



HOHHK...  
I NEED TO GET A  
HOLD OF MYSELF.

푸하!



ARE YOU  
ALRIGHT?

THEY MUST HAVE BEEN  
FROM A DIFFERENT  
GROUP OF THE KNIGHTS.

스



PRINCE TOO,  
ARE YOU  
ALRI,,HELHHK,,



IS IT BANDITS?

DON'T GO THROUGH  
THE TUNNEL. THEY  
MAY HAVE SET TRAPS.



WERE THEY TRYING  
TO ASSASSINATE  
HER DURING ALL  
THE COMMOTION?



ITS IMPERATIVE  
WE CLEAR OUT QUICKLY  
FROM THE BACK AND  
CHASE THE FAKE AUTHOR.



PRINCE, PRINCE!



?



THANK YOU FOR  
PROTECTING ME. I'M  
ALRIGHT NOW SO STOP  
MAKING THAT FACE.

찰랑

LET'S GO BACK  
TO THE CASTLE  
TOGETHER.





THEY WON'T BE ABLE  
TO ATTACK SO OPENLY  
LIKE THIS IN THE CASTLE,  
SO I WILL BE SAFER.

AND WE CAN  
ALSO CATCH THE  
FAKE AUTHOR.



YOU GUYS,  
WHAT'S YOUR  
PURPOSE...



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WAIT A MOMENT.



IT'S ME.



!  
MISS ANTENNA  
SCHOLAR?!





OH MY, I APOLOGIZE,  
I THOUGHT YOU  
WERE A BANDIT.



WHY ARE YOU HERE...  
ARE YOU LOST AGAIN?

AHH, SO...  
LET ME EXPLAIN  
OUR ACTIONS...!

?







EVEN THOUGH THEY  
ARE CAUGHT DOING  
ILLEGAL TRADES,

THE IMPERIAL KNIGHTS  
ARE BEING FRIENDLY TO A  
PERSON WHO REPRESENTS  
THE ESPELINDO FAMILY?

(TL: \*he is wondering why the knights  
are so friendly to Angela)



NORMALLY, THEY WOULD  
HAVE ALSO PRETENDED TO BE  
BANDITS AND GOT RID OF HER.

WHAT THE HELL  
IS THIS CONFIDENCE...



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WHOA, I WAS  
AFRAID THEY WOULD  
ATTACK US.

I TOLD YOU!  
THEY ARE NOT  
BAD PEOPLE.



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I'M SORRY  
FOR ACTING AS  
I PLEASED.

IF I HADN'T CHECKED  
THIS MYSELF, I WOULD  
NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO  
RELAX AT THE CASTLE  
FROM NOW ON.

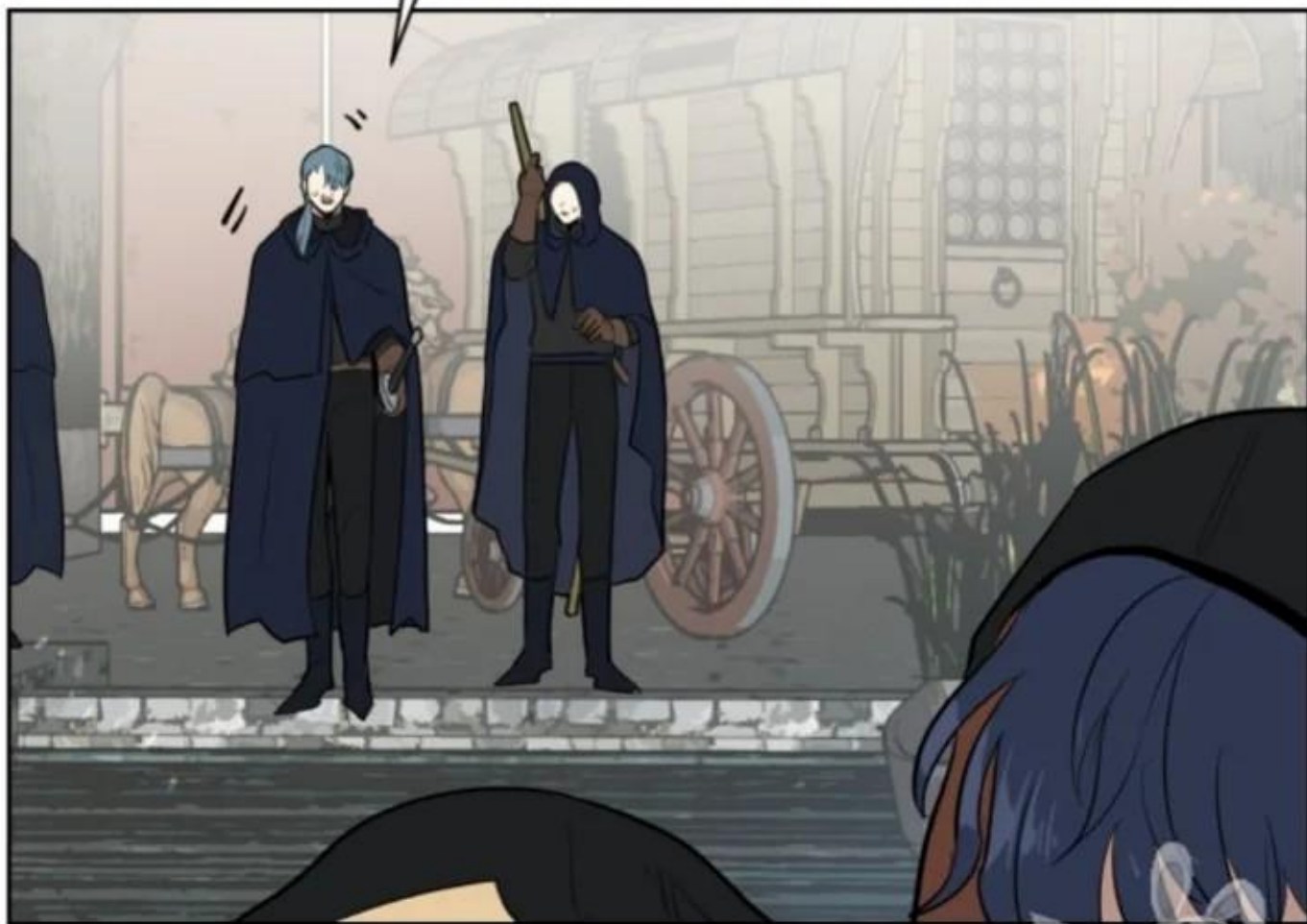


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UH, BUT...





WHO IS THAT PERSON  
NEXT TO YOU?



HE IS...,

?



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SORRY



EVEN THOUGH I  
DON'T LIKE IT, I'LL  
HAVE TO ASK A  
FAVOR.







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HAVE TO ASK A  
FAVOR.



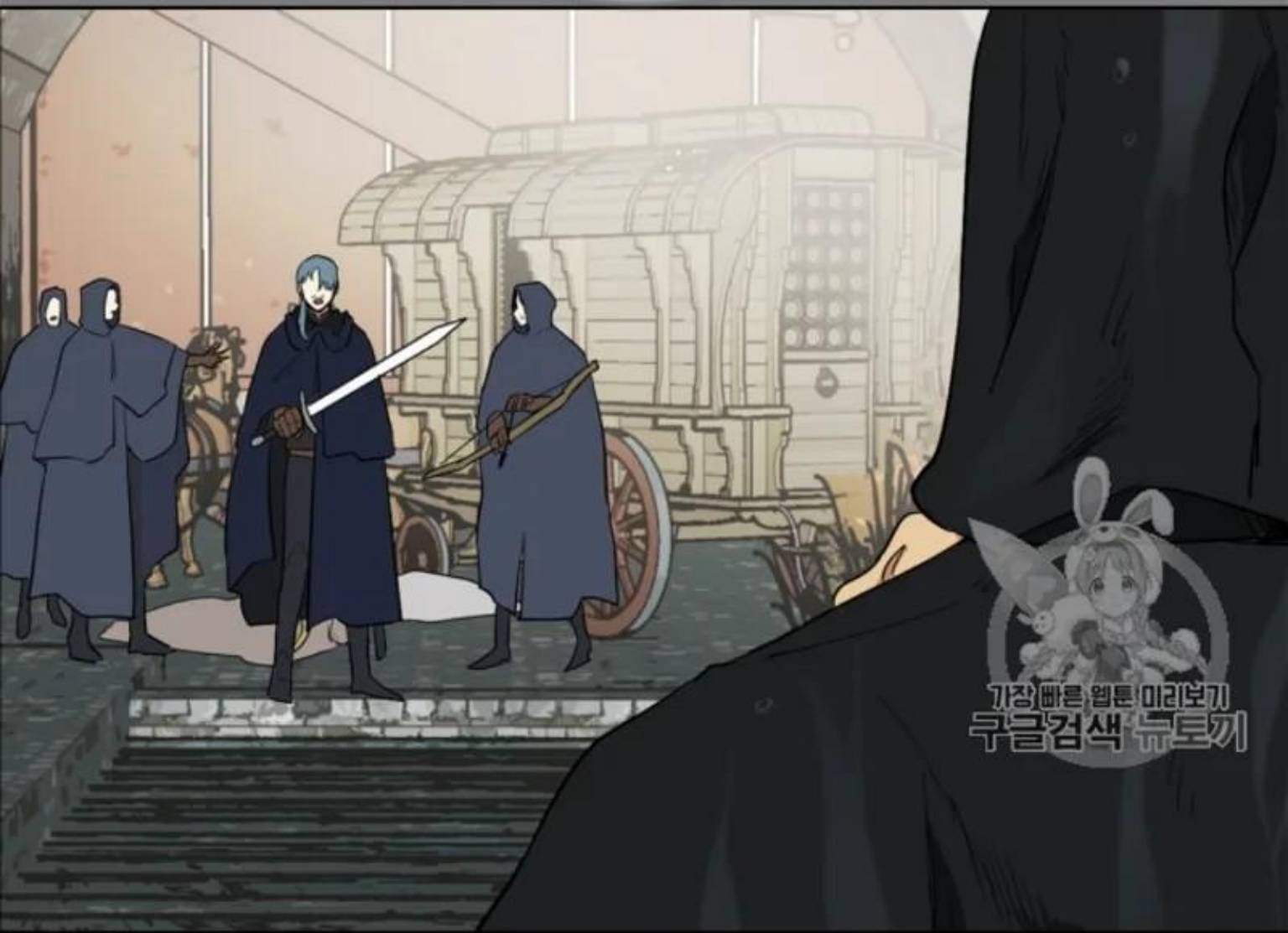
I HAVE TO CATCH THE  
PERSON WHO DID A  
SURPRISE ATTACK ON  
YOU EARLIER.

I'M NOT SURE  
I'LL BE MERCIFUL  
TO HIM.





GO BACK TO THE  
CASTLE WITH THEM.





TELL THEM I WAS A  
ROGUE WHO CAME TO  
CAPTURE THE FAKE AUTHOR  
FOR THE REWARD

BUT IN THE END,  
ESCAPED WITH  
THE HORSE.



IF THEY HESITATE, I'LL  
IMMEDIATELY TAKE CARE  
OF THEM AND THEN  
TAKE YOU HOME.





NOW PRETEND TO BE  
SCARED AND TELL THEM  
I ROBBED YOU,



저는  
로망



YOU'RE GETTING ALONG  
WELL AT THE CASTLE,  
SO DON'T WORRY.





UNDERSTAND THAT  
I CAN'T REVEAL  
MY IDENTITY.

I DIDN'T GET ALONG  
WELL IN THE CASTLE  
LIKE YOU DID.





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DON'T FORGET TO  
IMMEDIATELY RETURN TO  
YOUR ROOM OR YOU'LL  
CATCH A COLD.



소근







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파악!



MISS SCHOLAR,  
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

!  
HOW DID I  
MISS?





LEAVE HIM,  
HE MUST BE  
A ROGUE.

MOST PEOPLE  
HERE ARE.



I THOUGHT IT WAS  
DUKE RAYBURN FOR A  
MOMENT, SO I FREAKED  
OUT.

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I'M GLAD IT  
WAS JUST A  
ROGUE...





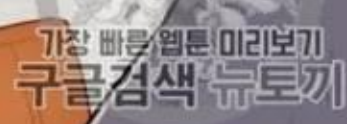
I'M GLAD YOU'RE  
ALRIGHT, MISS  
ANTENNA SCHOLAR.



SO, LH...  
I'M SURE YOU WERE  
SURPRISED BY THE EVENTS  
EARLIER BUT TO EXPLAIN...

THE BANDITS WE DEALT WITH  
ARE THE VICIOUS ONES THAT  
THE UNDERGROUND VILLAGE  
CITIZENS HAVE BEEN  
TROUBLED BY.

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AH, THE FESTIVAL...





ACTUALLY THEY'RE ALL  
CONVICTS SENTENCED TO DEATH.  
I HAVE A LOT OF WORK BECAUSE  
OF THE FESTIVAL SO I'D LIKE TO  
BORROW YOUR HAND BEFORE  
THE EXECUTION.

NOW,  
LOOK AT THIS POSTER!  
RIGHT?!

YOU ARE  
SHOWING-OFF,  
STOP IT.







ITS REALLY HARD TO  
SEE BLOOD IN THIS LINE  
OF WORK. AS CONSULTED  
WITH YOU SCHOLAR, I DO  
NOT HAVE THE APTITUDE  
FOR THIS.

I'D RATHER BE  
PEACEFULLY FARMING  
IF IT WASN'T FOR MY  
FAMILY.



...YOU MUST BE  
THINKING ABOUT THE  
EARLIER EVENTS.  
LET'S JUST FORGET IT.

GIVE ME A BLANKET  
ON A HORSE AND  
WARM WATER!

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...MAYBE  
ITS RIDICULOUS.





BUT WHY DID I FEEL  
SO SAD WHEN HE  
LEFT ON THE HORSE?



I WANTED TO HIT HIM (?)  
AND THEN GO BACK TO THE  
MANSION WITH PRINCE...

BUT THE PERSON WHO  
ATTACKED SEEMED  
SO DANGEROUS.



YOUR LEG...,  
WHEN DID IT  
GET INJURED?



SO THAT'S WHY HE COPEd  
WITH SUCH HUMILIATION AND  
LEFT ME WITH THE KNIGHTS.

HE SPARED THE KNIGHTS  
BECAUSE OF ME.





WHY DO YOU HAVE  
TO BE HUMILIATED  
IN THE FIRST PLACE?

YOU'RE THE  
PRINCE.





BY THE WAY,  
EVEN I...  
WHO HAS BEEN  
PROTECTING WHO?





ALL I CAN DO IS WRITE  
BUT ISN'T THAT FAKE?

THAT'S RIGHT, FAKE!



UGH.



쭈이익

IF YOU'RE GOING TO  
FAKE MY BOOKS,  
AT LEAST WRITE  
SOMETHING GOOD!



OH GOD...!



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WHY THE HELL DID  
YOU DO THAT....!





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MISTER...MERCHANT.



IT HAPPENED  
AGAIN.

BECAUSE I  
DID NOTHING.

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MHMHMM!!  
(THE SERIES AND THE  
MONEY ARE ALL YOURS!)



MHOHOOMHHAA!!  
(NOW DON'T PRETEND TO  
NOT KNOW ME, ANGELA!)









I'M ANGRY.





MISS ANGELA?



↑ WAS DEALING WITH THE FAKE NOVELS  
THAT SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE TOWN.



YOU GUYS, SERIOUSLY!  
WILL YOU PLEASE  
GET OUT OF MY WAY?

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PRINCE, YOU'RE SUCH  
A CALM PERSON.







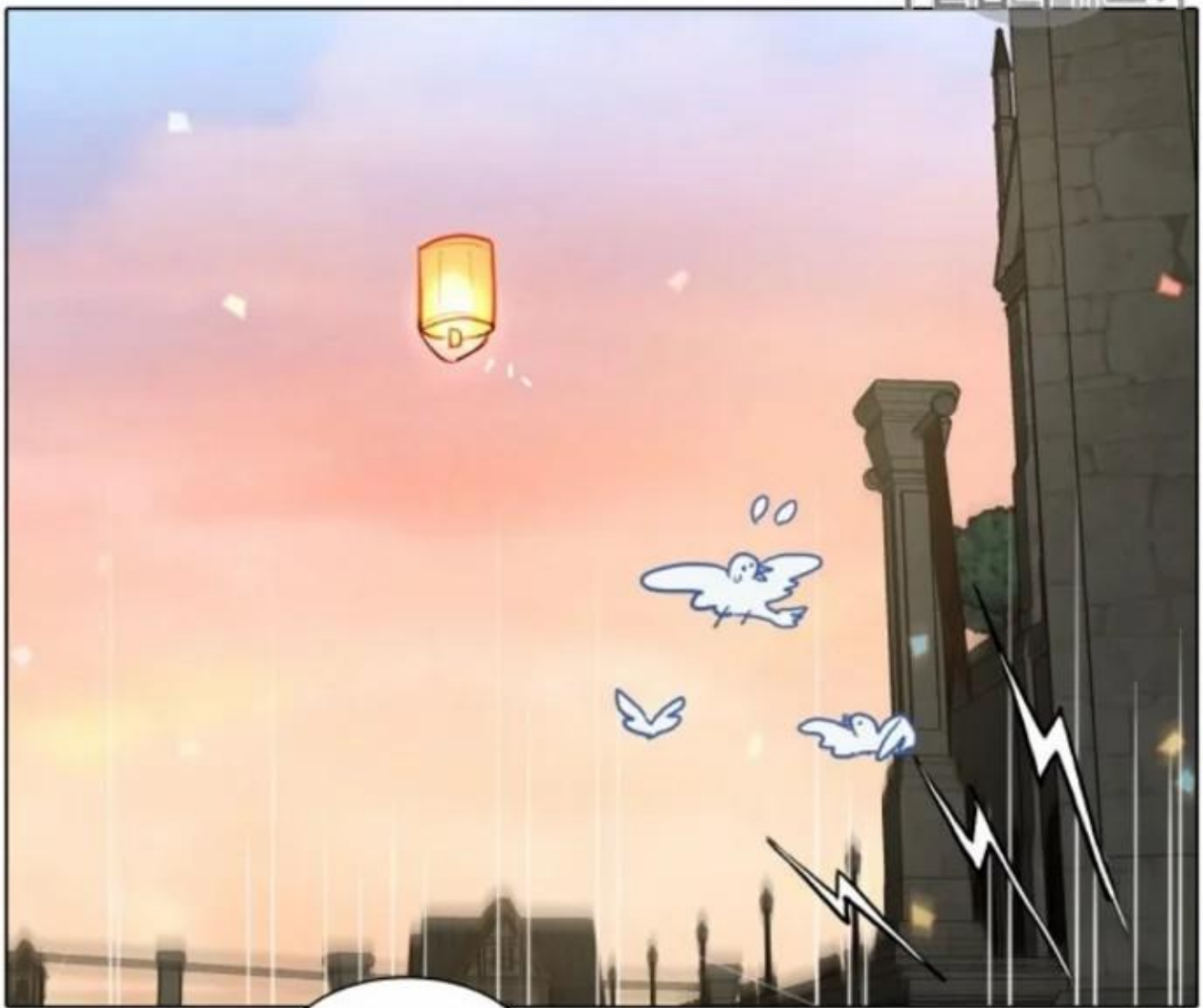
DESPITE BEING TREATED  
LIKE THAT, HE FOCUSED  
ON CALMING ME.





I'M SO FRUSTRATED  
AND ANGRY.





KNOCK IT OFF (?)

I'LL DO IT!  
I'LL WRITE SOMETHING  
INCREDIBLE!!

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?!  
OH, MISS ANGELA;

YOU MUST STILL  
BE IN SHOCK.





...THAT...



WASN'T IT MANO WHO  
WAS GUARDING THAT  
GIRL AT THE FESTIVAL...?

WHY WAS HE...





STILL, I'M GLAD HE  
COULDN'T SEE MY FACE.

IT MAY HAVE ESCALATED  
INTO FAMILY FIGHTS.

HE IS DANGEROUS,  
I SHOULDN'T STAY  
HERE ANY LONGER...



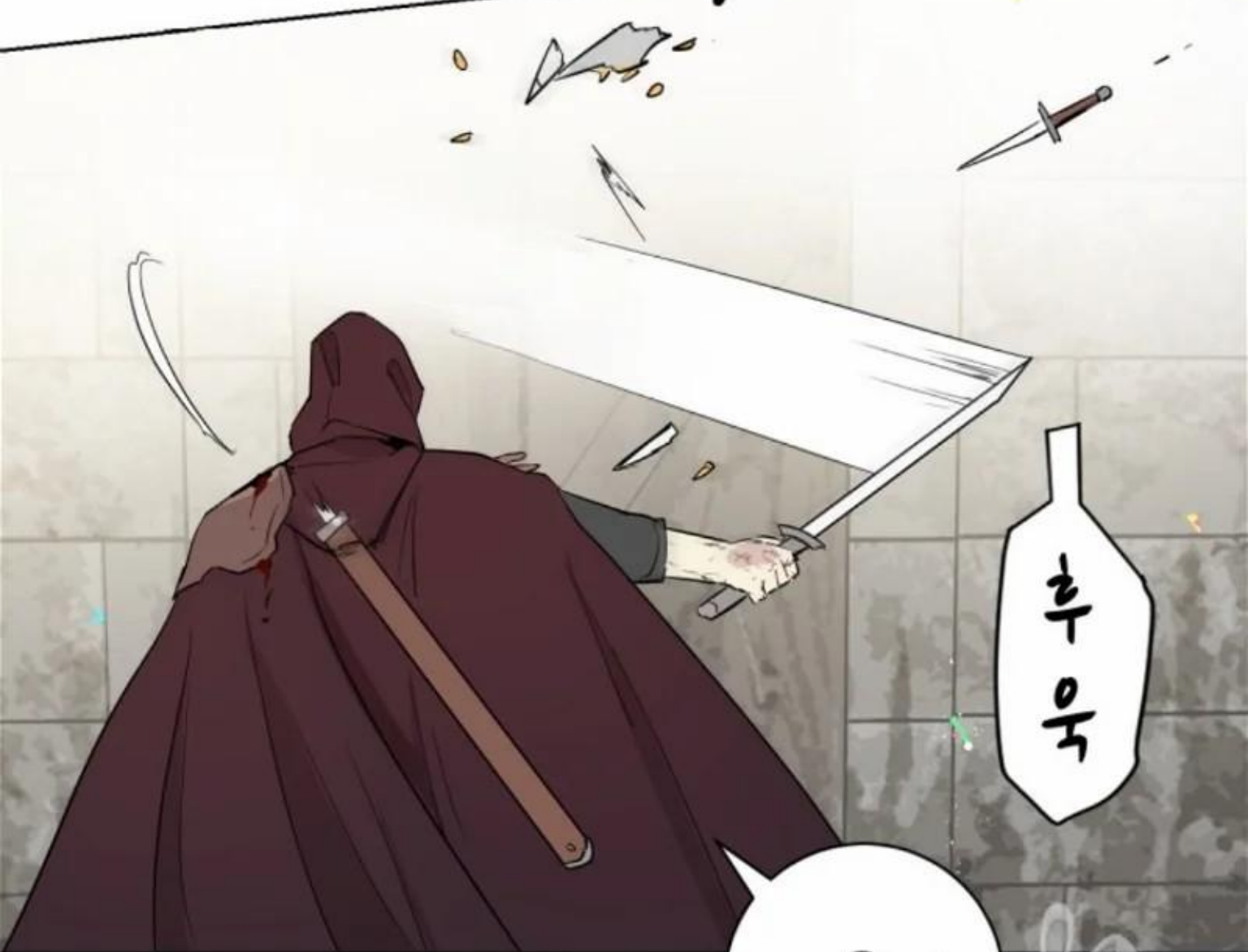


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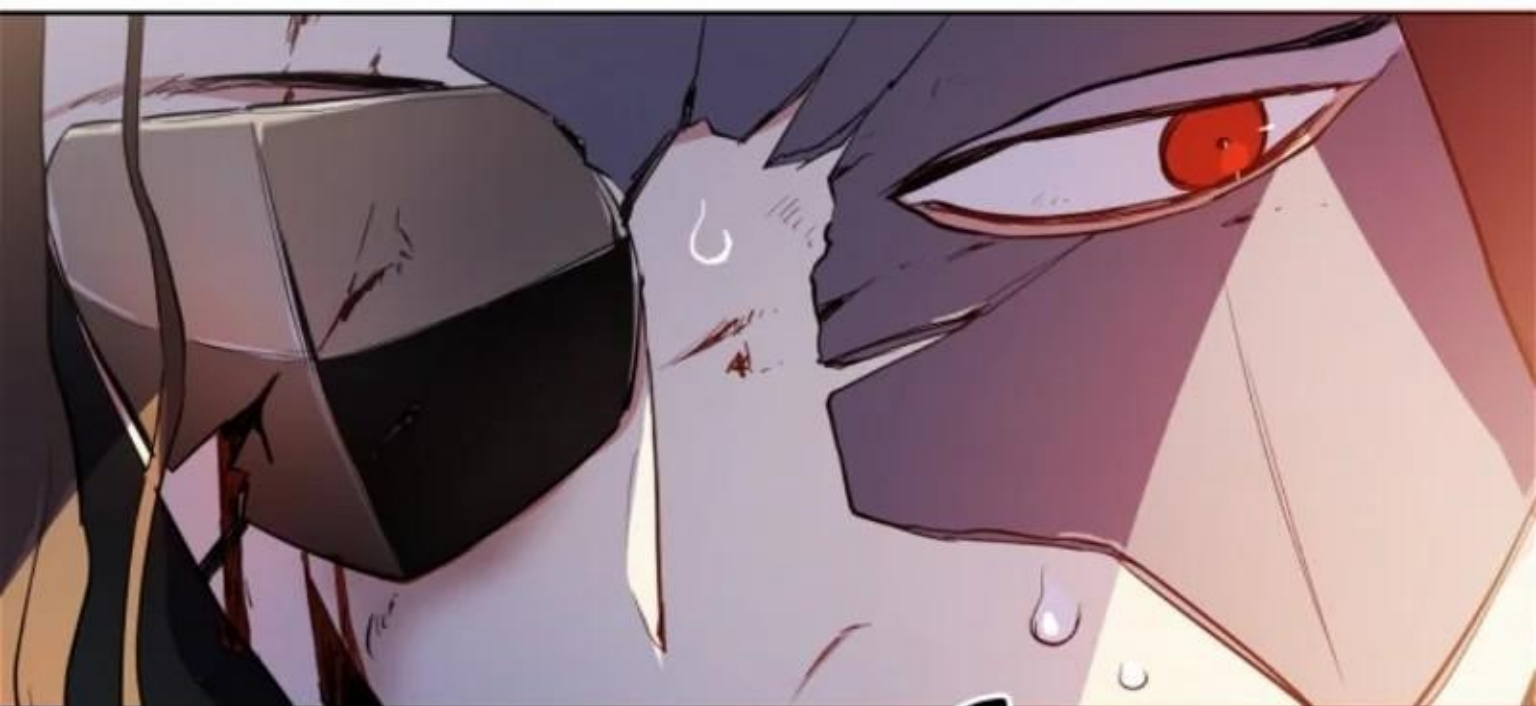


BATTLE COMRADES ARE  
A WEAKNESS. I RECOGNIZED  
YOUR SKILLS.

GENERAL'S HAND,  
THERIOD.







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SO YOUR LORD CHANCELLOR  
DISREGARDED MY WARNING?







ITS BEEN A LONG  
TIME SINCE I FELT  
SO ANGRY.

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*Since the scanlation group dropped this, I've decided to translate the remaining few chapters for myself and share.*

*Please ignore any weird sentences or errors, as Korean isn't my first language.*

*Also, if you can, then please support the official release on TappyToon.*

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THIS PLACE IS LIKE A BIRDCAGE

BUT THIS IS WHERE I CAN  
PROTECT MY PEOPLE.

THE PATH TO THAT SEAT WAS RED.

IN A MOMENT OF DISCORD,

MY EXISTENCE WHICH WAS LIKE A SCAR  
TO THE EMPIRE, WAS COVERED.

THE RED PATH CONTINUED

NEVERTHELESS, WHEN I  
REACHED OUT TO WATCH





THERE WAS NOTHING



I COULDN'T LIFT MY FACE.





I'M SO ENRAGED THAT  
I CAN'T HEAR ANYTHING.





THE CONSTANT RESTRICTIONS  
AND THREATS THAT COME  
DESPITE THE COLLAPSE.





THESE THREATS REACH  
EVEN MY PEOPLE.



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ABOVE ALL,  
TO SEE HER TREMBLE.







AND THE FACT THAT SHE  
HAD TO RISK HER SAFETY  
SO AS TO NOT REVEAL MY  
IDENTITY AS THE PRINCE...



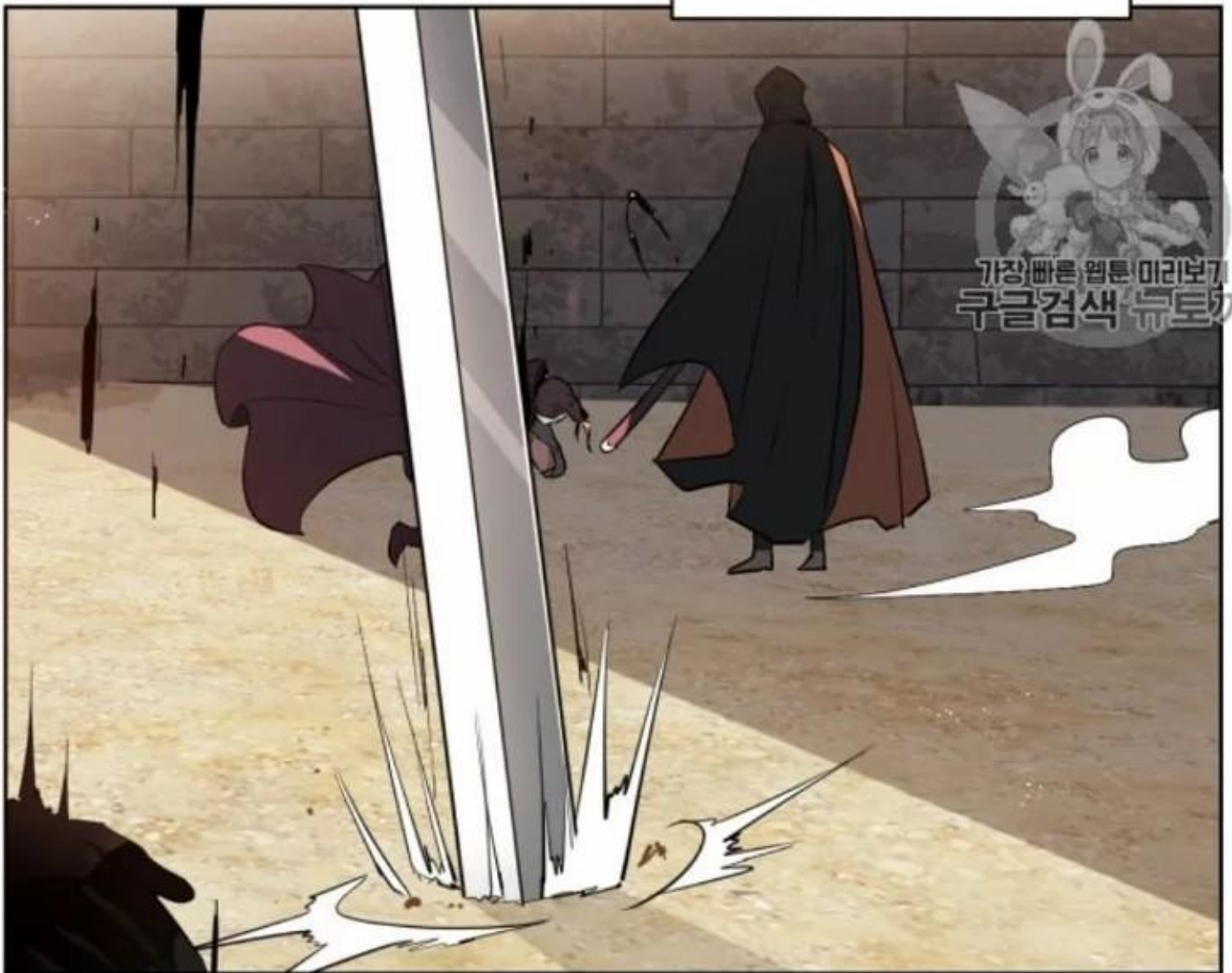


..MAKES ME  
SO ANGRY.





HOYA,  
I DIDN'T WANT TO COME  
BACK BECAUSE I WAS  
SCARED OF THIS PLACE.





THE CLOSER I GET TO  
THIS PLACE WHERE I HAVE  
NOTHING TO PROTECT,

THE BETTER I CAN  
SEE MY SITUATION.

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IT'S THE SAME  
AS THE PAST.



I'M SICK  
OF IT.



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UWAAAAHH!!!

KNOCK IT OF!



I'LL DO IT!

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???  
ANGELA?

WHAT...

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I'LL WRITE SOMETHING  
INCREDIBLE!!



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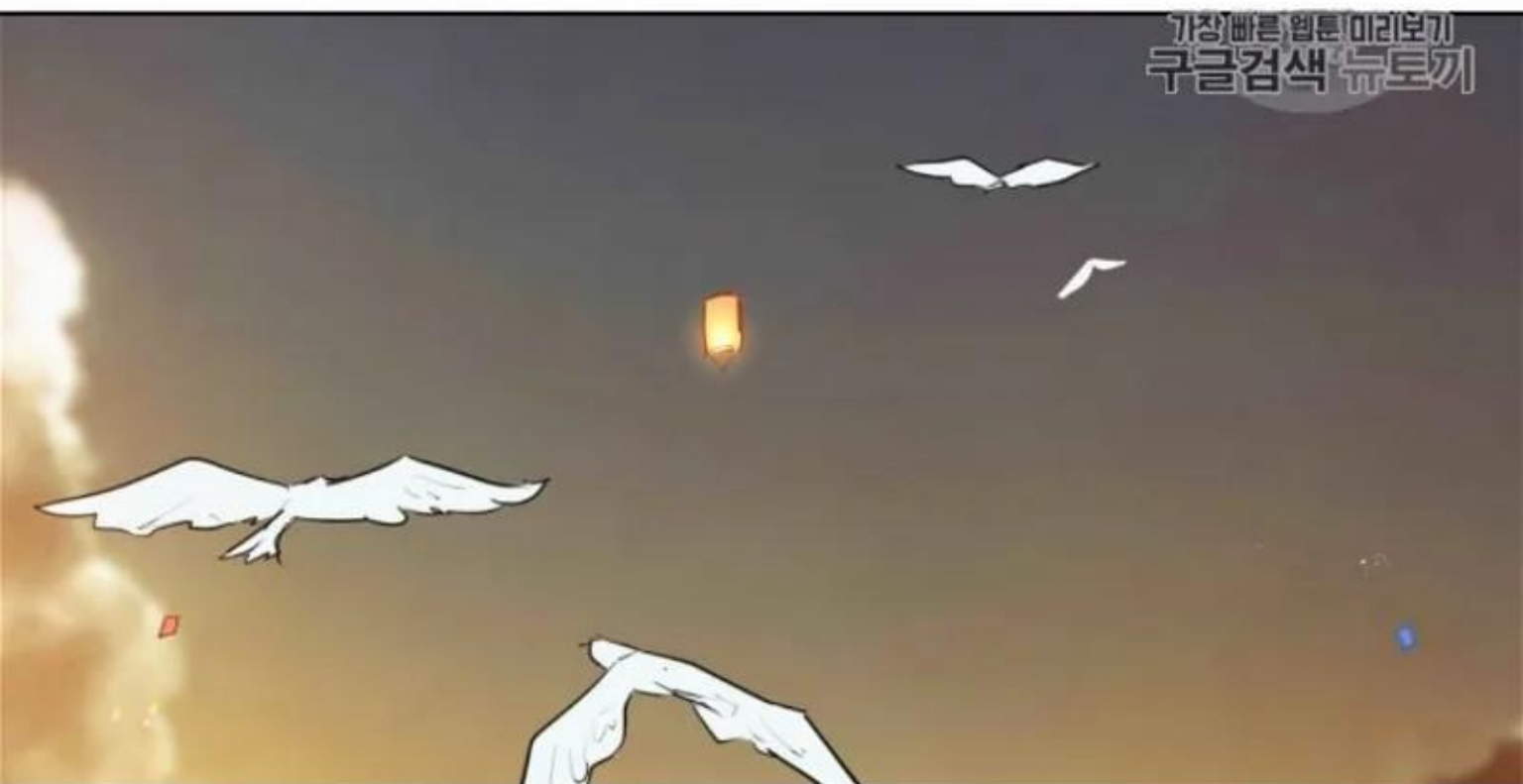


...MUST BE THE  
FESTIVAL CHAOS.






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LET'S GO BACK  
TO THE CASTLE  
TOGETHER.

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TL: OMG! Is he trying to remember her touch? ♡.♡



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WHEW, ANTENNA.

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YOU,  
I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND  
MY MESSAGE WITH ALL THIS  
BLOOD YOU SPILLED.



IF NOT ENOUGH BLOOD  
IS SPILLED, THEN I'LL  
WOUND YOU MORE.





BETH, I'LL LEAVE THAT  
WORK TO YOU..



THERE'S ALSO A LOT OF  
TALK ABOUT DUKE RAYBLURN  
DOWN THE STREETS, SO  
WHAT HAPPENED?





FESTIVALS ARE NATURALLY NOISY.  
THESE ARE ALSO DAYS WHEN PEOPLE  
ARE LOSE-LIPPED. IT'S NOT SOMETHING  
YOU SHOULD BE CONCERNED ABOUT.



ANYWAYS,...  
THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT  
OUR CHURCH CAN HAVE A  
BREATH OF RELIEF.

WE ARE INDEBTED TO  
THE ESPELINDO FAMILY.





THEN, WE'LL BE  
IN YOUR CARE,  
UNTIL NEXT TIME.



BEST REGARDS TO  
THE CROWN PRINCE,

THE HEART  
OF LUDEXT.







SSRAK!!!





SOMETHING  
ON THE SIDE OF  
THE HILLS...



SWAKKI!



SIR THERIOD?

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ARE YOU  
ALRIGHT?

.....

FORGIVE ME,  
LORD CHANCELLOR.

WHOA! SIR THERIOD,  
YOUR ARM...

YOU FOOL!  
EVEN AFTER THE COMPLETION  
OF THE MISSION, I TOLD YOU  
NOT TO COME TO ME  
UNTIL THE DAWN BELL!

ALSO, WHY DO  
YOU LOOK SO...



WHAT'S THE MATTER?

...THAT GUY.



WHO DARED TO LOSE HIS MIND  
AND TOUCH A SCHWANDELL?!



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WHAT...

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DUKE RA..RAYBURN?



SLR RONG!

RAYBURN?  
WHEN DID HE  
GET HERE...?







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WHAT'S THE MEANING  
OF THIS?



HE'S LOST HIS MIND.

ALRIGHT, GO RAMPANT  
LIKE YOU ALWAYS DO.  
THERE ARE PLENTY OF EYES  
WATCHING AT THE MOMENT.

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WHAT ARE YOU WAITING  
FOR? AIM...







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YOUR HIGHNESS?

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HOW DARE HE LET  
HIS GUARD DOWN?



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DUKE,

WHAT ARE YOU  
DOING?

PRINCESS





GO ON.









TAKE A LOOK.





!  
THERE REALLY IS...!  
SHALL I READ IT?



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...READ IT.



"GENERAL,  
I WARNED YOU  
BUT YOU IGNORED  
THE ESPELINDO,"



"AND IN RETURN FOR  
TOUCHING MY PERSON AGAIN,  
I TOOK ONE OF HIS HAND."

"I DESERVE TO TAKE HIS LIFE,  
BUT THERIOD IS A FAITHFUL KNIGHT  
WHO IS ONLY GUILTY OF FOLLOWING  
ORDERS FROM HIS SUPERIOR..."





WARNING?  
WHAT WARNING!  
NONSENSE!



HOKK!

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THE REASON FOR THE  
GENERAL TO BE ABLE  
TO CONTINUE BEING  
IMPUDENT TO MY PEOPLE





IS PROBABLY BECAUSE  
I FAILED TO KEEP MY  
POSITION PROPERLY DUE TO  
MY OWN COMPLACENCY.





THANKS TO YOU,  
I GOT AN OPPORTUNITY  
TO REFLECT ON MYSELF.



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AS YOU'VE REMINDED  
ME, I'LL GLADLY



TRY MY BEST  
TO RE-ESTABLISH  
MY POSITION.











AND AS I'VE COME TO  
TELL YOU IN PERSON,  
THERE WON'T BE ANY  
CONVERSATIONS IN  
THE THIRD WARNING.



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WHOA...THAT BLEEDING...  
DID YOU SEE ANY WOUNDS  
ON SIR THERIOD?



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QUIET,  
MISS HOYA  
IS HERE.



WHAT'S EVEN  
WRITTEN IN THAT  
LETTER...

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A PAPARAZZI  
PICTURE?

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ANTENNA...ISN'T SHE THE  
ESPELINDO SCHOLAR?

THAT SHOULDER ORNAMENT  
BELONGS TO SIR THERIOD?



SIR THERIOD WHY  
THE SCHOLAR...





REPORT THIS MATTER  
LATER ON.



WASN'T THAT DUKE RAYBURN?  
UNDER WHAT CONTEXT SHOULD  
I REPORT TO YOUR HIGHNESS?





...DEFINITELY JUST THE  
WORK OF SOME  
CHAPS BELOW.



YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY  
ABOUT IT, I'LL DEAL WITH  
THEM STRICTLY.









DID YOU THINK  
I RAN AWAY?



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I SAW THE BANDITS  
COMING SO I INSTINCTIVELY  
HID, WATER LORD.



BUT I DID HELP  
YOU, RIGHT?

HIGH FIVE?



PAPARAZZI GUY

ITS AMAZING TO  
REPLY TO PRAISES.



ANYWAYS, I JUST HAVE TO  
DRAW WHAT I SAW TODAY  
UNTIL OUR TRIP BACK TO THE  
VILLAGE, RIGHT?

YES







I'M GOING TO DRAW  
A LOT OF ANTENNA  
STAGGERING AROUND.  
ITS OKAY, RIGHT?

\*He means to say lots of his drawings  
about today's events will show Angela.





I WILL TAKE CARE OF THE  
FAKE BOOKS ON MY OWN.  
CAN YOU STOP BEING  
SO NOISY?

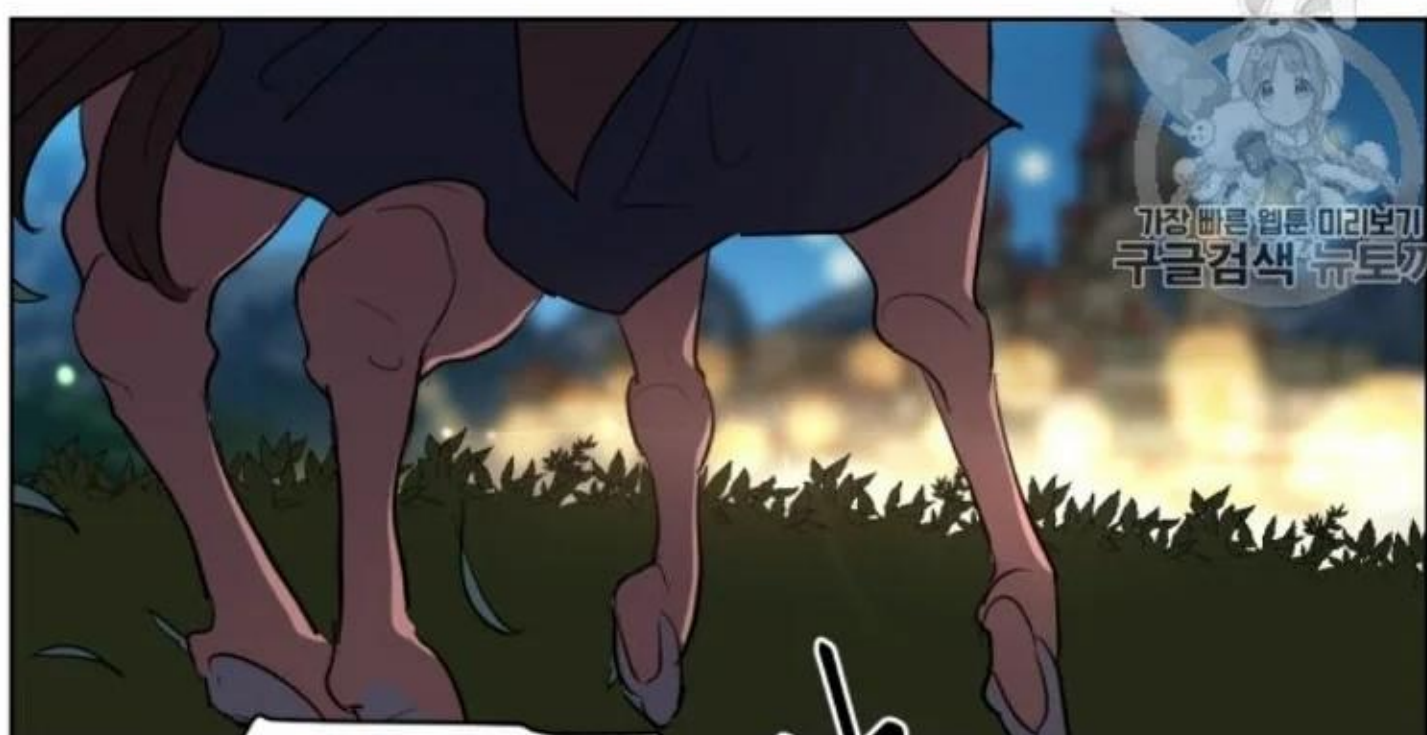


NO, YOUR ANKLE,  
YOU'VE HURT IT  
REALLY BAD.









AARGH!

MY PAPER!!

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MY MUSIC BOX!!





LET'S GO SLOWLY,  
WATER LORD!!

CLOP



CLOP

WHAT THE HELL'S  
SO PRETTY ABOUT  
MISS ANTENNA.



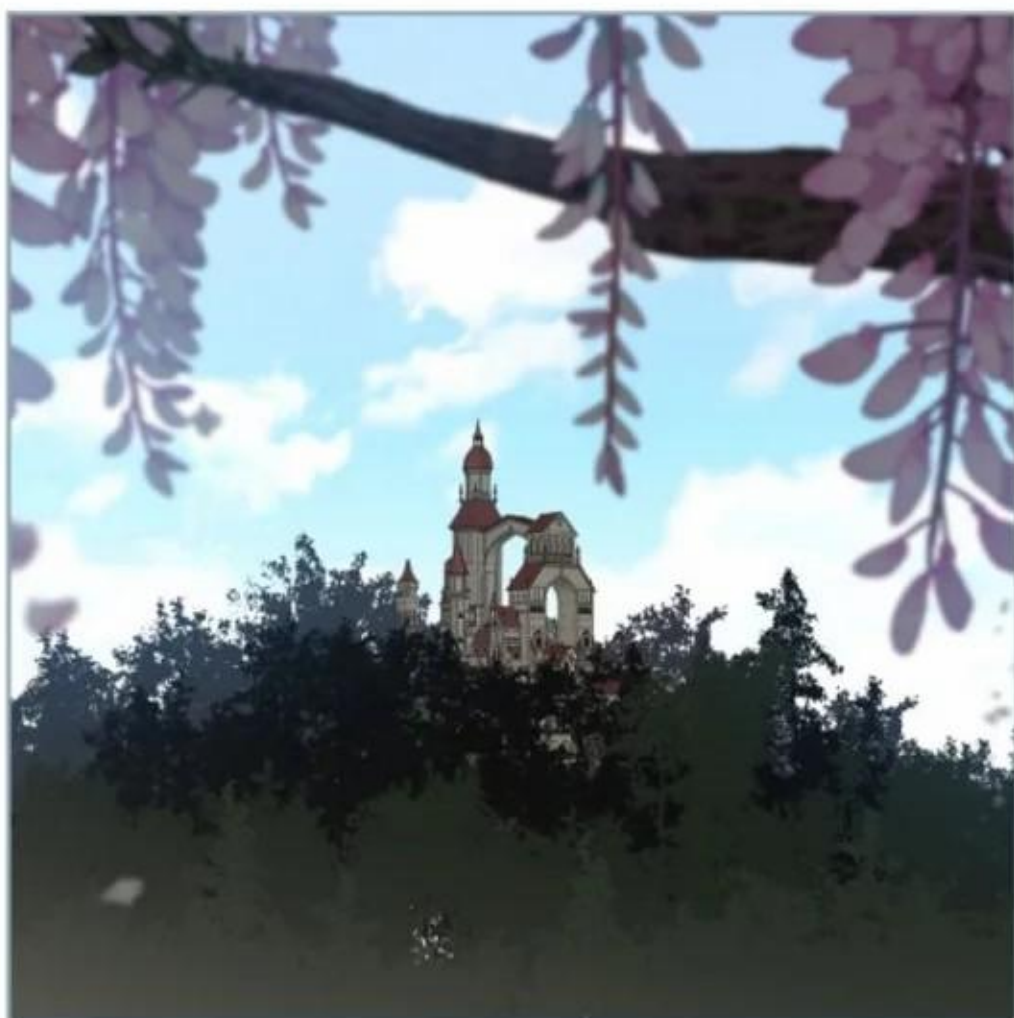




















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I'm glad that everyone appreciated my  
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Hope you enjoyed this chapter as well~♥

